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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos answer questions during a news briefing with reporters on Capital Hill yesterday.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial said yesterday there is no need to investigate the alleged Korean investment scam as requested by U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C.

Sablan (D-MP) with the U.S. Attorney's Office, because "it has stopped."

In a news briefing on Capital Hill, Fitial said he was able to stop Flame Sako Resort & Spa from publishing a marketing

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Tax issue, error snag rebates of over 300 ex-garment workers

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Over 300 former garment workers who received settlement money in the class action against the garment industry have not received their refunds or rebates until now because of tax issues and an apparent error at Revenue and Taxation, according to former judge Timothy Bellas.

Bellas hopes, however, that the issue will be resolved with

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Bellas

CUC fuel expense in FY08: \$80.9M

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Fuel expenses incurred by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. reached \$80.9 million in Fiscal Year 2008, according to the CUC's financial statements as reported by the Georgetown Consulting Group.

This represents approximately

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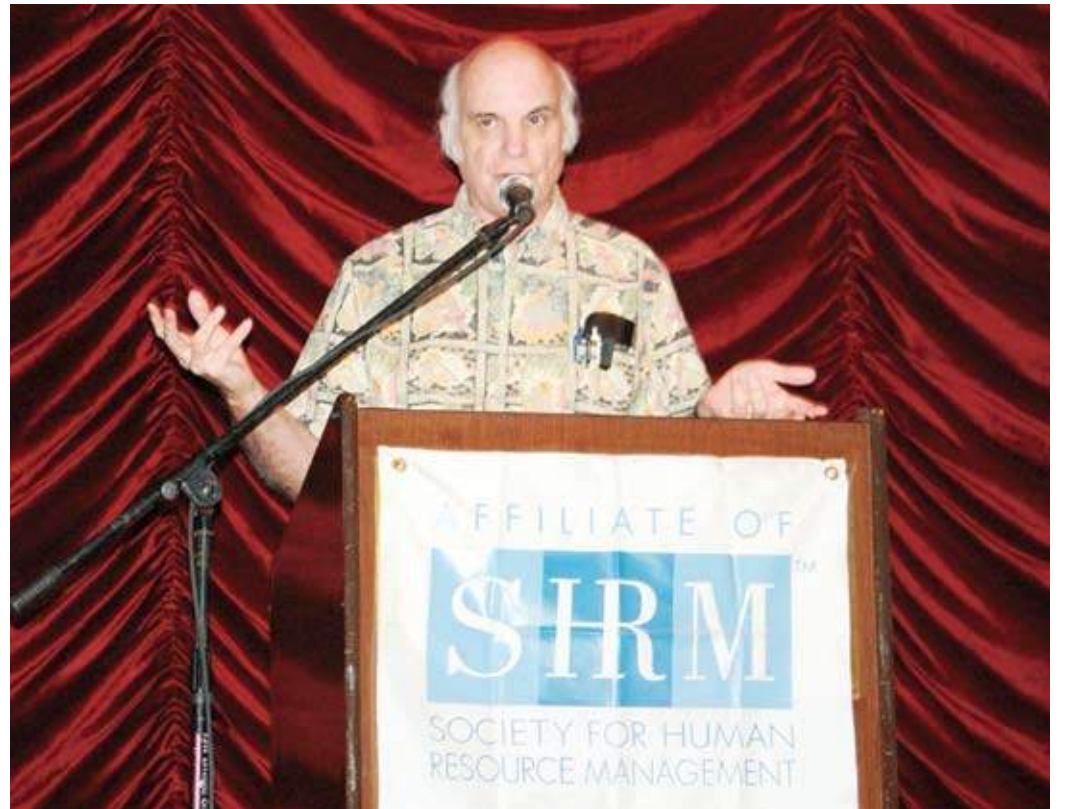
81 percent of the total operating and maintenance expense for the utilities agency, which is still in state of emergency.

Unlike CUC's other opera-

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USCIS says no one will be removed by Nov. 28



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services District 26 director David G. Gulick speaks to members of the Society for Human Resource Management during the group's monthly meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday. U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) was also a guest speaker at the SHRM meeting.

Sablan says DHS has to implement federalization 'right'

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Except for "criminals," the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services under the Department of Homeland Security does not intend to remove anybody from the CNMI by the start of federalization on Nov. 28, according to District 26 director David

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G. Gulick yesterday.

Gulick was one of two guest speakers at the Society for Human Resource Management CNMI's meeting at Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday.

"It's not the intent of USCIS and DHS to remove anybody from the CNMI on Nov. 28 or during the coming year unless

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PSS approves 85 new teachers for September opening

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The Public School System will welcome 85 new teachers and counselors during the opening of classes next month after the Human Resource Office yesterday confirmed approving their employment contracts for school year 2009-2010.

Charlie Kenty, PSS human resource officer, told school principals yesterday that the system is expecting 85 additional hires beginning next month to fill vacant teaching positions in 20 public schools.

Kenty told *Saipan Tribune* that, as of August 10, PSS had approved the hiring of 39 off-island teachers, while 29 were successfully recruited here on island.

Contracts for the rest are in the process of being assessed by the PSS central office.

In school year 2008-2009, PSS ended classed with 510 total teachers in both elementary and high school.

The Human Resource Office said yesterday the additional personnel include school counselors.

With the significant number

of new hires, Kenty is convinced that schools will be better served this school year.

Of the 500-plus teachers currently in the system, PSS said that 69 percent are highly qualified: They have degrees, valid certifications, and have passed the Praxis tests.

The chronic shortage of teachers at PSS has been blamed on the limited funding being provided by the central government every year, preventing the system from hiring replacement positions and additional teachers.

In FY 2010, PSS projects to

receive a budget ranging from \$34 million to \$36 million for its operation and personnel. In FY 2009, the Legislature approved just \$35 million for nearly 11,000 public school students, their teachers, and for operations.

The CNMI's share in the national stimulus funding allowed PSS this year to restore 111 positions that include teachers and counselors.

For acting Hopwood Junior High School principal Christine Masga, the entry of new counselors for her school would enhance the students' progress.

From only two counselors for many years, Hopwood will now have four school counselors beginning next month.

On Sept. 8, Hopwood will have a total of 54 teachers for its over a thousand middle school enrollees. Half of them are deemed highly qualified while others are waiting for the result of their Praxis tests.

Hopwood has been identified as one of several schools with large classroom sizes, accommodating up to over 30 students per session.

With the additional teach-

ers and counselors, Masga said she's looking at an average of 27:1 student-to-teacher ratio this next school year.

Like Masga, other principals yesterday expressed their readiness to open classes on Sept. 8.

Susane Lizama, acting coordinator for the Special Education Program, said the new hires include four special education teachers who will begin work in September.

This school year, she said, special education will have a total of five psychologists for all students in public schools.

Echo Company homecoming is postponed to Sunday noon

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The homecoming of the CNMI's 70 Army Reserve officers under the Echo Company has been delayed to Sunday noon.

Due to last minute arrangements, the troops will be arriving around 1pm on Sunday, Aug. 23, via a chartered plane from the U.S. mainland, instead of the original schedule of 11pm tonight.

Some soldiers have been emailing their loved ones and relatives on Saipan that they will be leaving their headquarters in Fort Hood, Texas, on Saturday (Sunday Saipan local time).

They were flown back to the mainland on Aug. 13 after completing a one-year assignment in Kuwait, providing convoy and logistics escort to the U.S. military troops there.

Ruth Coleman, executive officer of the Military and Veterans Affairs Office, said that the welcoming activities will remain the same.

Governor Benigno R. Fitial will deliver a welcoming ad-

dress to the soldiers.

Former presiding judge Ed Manibusan, who is the civilian aid to the Secretary of the Army, will be joining the welcoming party, along with the troops' spouses, children and family members, at the Saipan International Airport.

Coleman is inviting the public to join them in welcoming the soldiers.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars led by president and Commander of Post 3457 Larry Guerrero and District 6 commander for the Pacific Mariano Fajardo will be organizing a roadside waving for the soldiers from the airport to Herman's Bakery.

The VFW is encouraging the community to join them and welcome these heroes as they pass by Airport Road to their respective homes. The community is urged to line the Airport Road with yellow ribbons and banners and wave to the soldiers.

The troops were deployed to Kuwait in July 2008. This is their second deployment to the Middle East.

Typhoon Vamco moves farther from Saipan, Northern Islands

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Typhoon Vamco 11W moved farther away from Saipan yesterday and is forecast to race even farther today, Friday, from the northern islands of the CNMI.

According to the CNMI Emergency Management Office and the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, Typhoon Vamco 11W's center was located 800 miles east-northeast of Saipan as of 1pm yesterday.

On Wednesday, the typhoon's center was about 790 miles east-northeast of Saipan.

No watches or warnings are in effect for the CNMI.

With maximum sustained winds at 120 miles per hour, Typhoon Vamco 11W was slowly moving north at 2mph and is expected to move north-northwest over the next 24 hours.

The National Weather Service expects the typhoon to intensify further in the next 24 hours.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial reminded the public, including those in the northern islands of Agrihan, Alamagan and Pagan, to closely follow the progress of the typhoon through the EMO and local media sources for any further changes.

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CUC consultant: Increase LEAC rate by 12 pct.

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s consultant is recommending that the levelized energy adjustment clause rate be increased by 12 percent starting October this year until March 2010, from the current \$0.20147 per kilowatt-hour to \$0.22618 per kWh.

The proposed charge is to reflect the increases in oil prices that have occurred since the LEAC rate was established, according to Georgetown Consulting Group.

The increase would result in an overall increase of approximately 11 percent in a typical month's overall electric bill—or \$12.35 per month—for residential customers.

The CUC consultant cited the price of fuel oil and the relatively high line loss levels associated with CUC's electric system operations as two pri-

mary factors that contribute to the hike proposal.

It estimated the price of fuel oil for the upcoming six-month period based on the average forward pricing contracts over the forthcoming LEAC period.

"The current estimate is approximately \$0.53 per gallon, [approximately 38 percent] higher than the fuel price forecast used in the development of the April 1-Sept. 30, 2009 LEAC rate," Georgetown Group said in its investigative report filed with the Public Utilities Commission on Aug. 10.

Offsetting the price of fuel oil, the LEAC uses a projection of generation efficiency, which is higher than the efficiency levels used in past LEAC rates, it said.

"This is a result of CUC continuing to complete the rehabilitation of Power Plant 1 on Saipan—improving overall power plant operations as a result of more efficient generating engines," Georgetown added.

Saipan Tribune learned that the recommended LEAC rate of \$0.22618 per kWh is composed of: \$0.21278 per kWh fuel and

lube oil element; \$0.01064 per kWh fuel oil pricing volatility; \$0.00276 per kWh technical and regulatory support element; and zero contribution and suspension of the fuel oil inventory buildup element and efficiency enhancement element.

The LEAC rate was put in place on Jan. 1, 2009, and covered an interim three-month period of January to March 2009.

The first semi-annual LEAC rate, which covers the period of April 1 to Sept. 30, 2009, initiated a process that has allowed greater transparency and further

put in place a more stable LEAC rate for the purpose of ratepayer planning and budgeting.

The commission implemented in December 2008 a new fuel adjustment rate protocol for CUC, when it restructured the existing CUC fuel adjustment rate into a levelized energy adjustment clause rate tariff, or LEAC.

CUC said both the initial and first semi-annual LEAC rates were based upon a basic approach to the approved protocol and focused primarily on certain variables such as projected kWh sales, estimated fuel use and fuel pricing, regulatory costs, and capital for efficiency improvements.

Ex-convict with 'no respect for the law' gets two-year sentence

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Superior Court Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona has imposed a two-year sentence on an ex-convict who, according to the judge, has shown no respect for the law even at a young age, committing even more crimes.

Manglona said that 20-year-old Michael Jordan Palacios Cabrera is a U.S. citizen and appears "young, healthy, and strong," yet he does not seem to appreciate these assets.

"He could avail himself of many benefits that many hard-working people in this Commonwealth are unable to do because they are not U.S. citizens," said the judge in a written order issued yesterday.

Manglona sentenced Cabrera to two years in prison for burglary and two years for violation of probation in a 2007 criminal conviction. Both sentences shall run concurrently, with credit for time already served since May 14, 2008.

This means that Cabrera will be released from prison no later than May 14, 2010, at 5pm.

Cabrera will be placed on probation following his release until Jan. 1, 2014. He was also required to pay a \$100 court assessment fee and \$100 in annual probation fee.

During the probationary period, Cabrera is required to perform 100 hours of community service.

The judge also directed the defendant to write a letter of apology to the victim in the burglary case.

Cabrera signed a plea bargain with the government, agreeing to plead guilty to burglary admitted to violating his probation in the 2007 case.

In exchange, the Office of the Attorney General moved to dismiss charges in the other 2008 criminal case. The court accepted the OAG's recommendation.

Manglona said she sentenced Cabrera in March 2008 to 12 months in prison to serve without the possibility of parole after he entered a guilty plea to the crime of conspiracy to commit robbery.

The case involved a poker room robbery that took place on April 12, 2007. Cabrera was only 18 years old when he committed the crime with three other individuals.

At that time, Manglona said,

she had considered Cabrera's youth and lack of prior criminal history.

Nine days after appearing in court for his review hearing and just 23 days after his release from prison, Cabrera was again involved in a nighttime burglary at a home, where he and another suspect stole Xbox 360 games.

"Fortunately, the items were quickly recovered at a pawnshop, no bodily injury was inflicted on anyone, and the defendant was quickly arrested for his new crime," Manglona said.

While in custody, Manglona said, the defendant was charged with committing another nighttime home burglary that occurred before the poker room robbery case and the Xbox case.

The government then moved to revoke Cabrera's probation in the first criminal case.

Cabrera has been in custody

for over a year since his arrest for the Xbox burglary case.

Manglona said in consideration of the defendant's plea, the recommended prison sentence has the net effect of two years to serve, with credit for time served.

She said that, after reviewing Cabrera's history in these cases

and the nature of the charges, she believes the sentence agreed upon by the parties is too lenient.

"The defendant has shown no respect for the private properties of others, or for the law, and does

not appear to appreciate his liberty and the other assets that he does have," Manglona said.

A the same time, the judge noted, because of Cabrera's youth, the court is concerned

that a long prison term would harden him more as a criminal.

"The court therefore accepts the parties' plea agreement, with a clear notice to the defendant of the severe consequences he faces if he violates his condition of probation again," Manglona said.

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The Coalition for Recognition, Equality and Advancement of American Ethnic Minorities, CREAM, is calling all U.S. citizens of ethnic decent—Filipinos, Chinese, Koreans, Bangladeshis, Japanese

and other nationalities—to register with the CNMI Election Commission to exercise their right to vote and voice their choice through the ballot in the coming Nov. 7 general elections.

CREAM is encouraging young voter, especially first-time voters who will turn 18 year old on Election Day, to register. All those who failed to vote in 2005 and 2007 are

also urged and encouraged to register with the Election Commission on Capital Hill from Monday to Friday, 7:30am to 4:30pm and at PriceCostco on Saturday, from 9am to 1pm.

Last day to register for the November 2009 General Election is Sept. 18,

2009. Bring a copy of your birth certificate and passport for verification and registration.

Contact any of the following telephone numbers to assist you: 483-3138, 484-0727, 285-9374, 287-4424 and 287-4474 for assistance. **(PR-CREAM)**

CUC

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tion and maintenance costs, the variability of the “price” paid for fuel oil is not within CUC’s control and can be dramatic and has certainly been volatile over the course of the past 24 months, Georgetown said.

“Fuel is the single largest expense at CUC and is an area where CUC has the least ability to control. For that reason the cost of fuel is critically important to

CUC and its customers,” it added.

Since 2004, the price of No. 2 fuel oil has risen from approximately \$1 per gallon to a peak of over \$4 per gallon in 2008.

It fell to the \$1.40 per gallon range in early 2009 and today is projected to be approximately \$2 per gallon during the October 1, 2009 through March 30, 2010 period.

“The price of CUC fuel as burned is even higher reflecting transportation and handling costs,” the consultant said, adding that the cause of the price volatility

can be traced to recent increases in worldwide demand while production levels remained relatively flat followed by the global financial crisis, and consumer reaction to the earlier price increases and now increasing inventory levels.

Georgetown said the latter events have caused the price of oil to collapse sharply.

Today, oil is in the range of \$70 per barrel compared to a peak price last year of \$147 per barrel.

‘75 pct. of CUC cost’

Georgetown said the price of fuel oil typically represents somewhere between 65 to 75 percent of the cost of CUC electricity.

Fiscal Year 2008 was a bit of an anomaly, though, with fuel oil representing 80 percent of CUC’s costs, it said.

“The relationship between the price of fuel oil and the cost paid by CUC customers is a direct one—for a 5-percent change in the price of fuel oil, CUC customers will see their electric bill change by approximately 3.5 percent,” CGC said.

While no one has a crystal ball or is capable of accurately predicting future oil prices with certainty, Georgetown said industry experts predict that the price of oil will increase modestly through 2015.

“While these predications may sound positive, we only have to look at recent volatility to recognize that global market conditions can change the price of fuel significantly in a short period of time,” Georgetown told the Public Utilities Commission in a report filed on Aug. 10.

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Revenue and Taxation within the next week or two.

“Just tell them [affected workers] that they can always call in about a week or two to the office and we will give them the latest update,” said Bellas in an interview yesterday.

Bellas, who chairs the Garment Workers Trust Fund, said he has been receiving complaints from many affected workers who have not received their rebates.

“I have been trying to deal with this issue since last October,” said Bellas,

adding that he can’t blame the workers for feeling that their complaints are falling on deaf ears.

He explained that in the first distribution of payments to former garment workers, the claims administrator sent out 29,000 checks. The administrator paid the withholding tax to the CNMI without knowing how many of those checks were going to be cashed.

Only about 13,000 of the 29,000 checks were cashed, Bellas said.

“So there were 16,000 checks that were not cashed. [Therefore] tax is not due the Commonwealth because that money wasn’t paid to the workers,” he said.

Bellas said he went to the U.S. Dis-

trict Court for the NMI and informed Judge Alex Munson that he received complaints from 332 workers who claimed that they should have received the first payment.

Bellas said that Munson approved his recommendation to issue checks to the 332 workers.

He said they imposed a withholding tax on the checks for the 332 workers because the checks were technically similar to wages.

“But we didn’t pay any new tax to the Commonwealth because they owe us such a big amount of money from the 16,000 checks that they were supposed to return,” Bellas said.

He said he has been negotiating

with Revenue and Tax through its counsel, assistant attorney general James Stump, to resolve the issue since October 2008.

“As recently as yesterday, we got a call from Revenue and Tax, saying that one of the problems was that they mis-entered one of the workers’ tax. The worker was supposed to get \$600 and they put down \$6,000. And when they put it into the computer, our numbers and their numbers didn’t match,” he said.

Revenue and Tax, Bellas said, had just found out that it was their error.

At the same time, he said, the trust fund did not pay the CNMI Treasury any more money because of the excess

taxes that were paid during the first distribution of checks.

So what happened, Bellas said, is that when the workers go to Revenue and Tax and tell that they want to get their rebates or refunds, they are being told that the former Garment Oversight Board didn’t pay the taxes for the payment.

“Of course we didn’t pay the tax because we don’t want to pay more tax when they owe us all that money,” he pointed out.

The former Garment Oversight Board established the trust fund. The board was set up pursuant to the \$20-million settlement agreement in the class action against the garment industry.

FITIAL

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brochure that contains “misrepresentation” about the CNMI. The “draft” brochure also had Fitial’s photo in it, the governor confirmed.

Fitial said he has instructed Public Lands Secretary John Del Rosario to write Flame Sako a letter, informing them to put in additional substantial investment by Sept. 4 or its conditional permit will be revoked.

Flame Sako plans to build a \$60 million to \$80 million resort and spa north of the Palms Resort in Marpi. A groundbreaking was held on March 6.

Fitial said Flame Sako should come up with at least 10 percent of the total expected amount of investment.

Sablan earlier said he asked the U.S. Attorney’s Office to prosecute people involved in an alleged investment scam that falsely promotes the CNMI in South Korea. The alleged scam involves false promotion that says South

Korean businessmen who invest in the CNMI will be automatically granted a U.S. investor status.

When asked for comment yesterday, Sablan said he’s “happy that the scam has stopped” but said that it’s not up to him to stop any federal investigation.

The delegate earlier asked *Saipan Tribune* not to publish the name of the Korean investor group which he asked the U.S. Attorney’s Office to prosecute.

But yesterday, Fitial named the subject investor as Flame Sako.

Flame Sako’s strategic planning department manager Won Suk Bang could not be reached for comment.

‘Draft brochure’

Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy Inos said Flame Sako showed them a “draft brochure” or a marketing kit promoting the CNMI among South Korean investors about two months ago.

Inos said the brochure “was not in a final form” and was not released.

“Let me just make it very clear. They may have included that mis-

representation in their draft brochure because they didn’t know anything better but they got rid of it as soon as I saw that, because I know that’s wrong,” he told reporters.

Fitial said when Flame Sako came here, “they put in \$1 million in a bank here and they’re trying to market their investment. In spite of that effort, I still went ahead and [told DPL Secretary] Del Rosario to give them a deadline.”

When asked whether he thinks it was an “honest mistake” on the part of Flame Sako, Fitial said: “Exactly. Because they got rid of it immediately.”

The governor and Commerce Secretary Michael Ada said the U.S. foreign investor visa should not be mistaken with the CNMI’s foreign investor permit.

Ada said the CNMI government cannot do anything about how investors market the CNMI in their country, but the government can prevent these investors from doing business here if they fail to meet the investment threshold.

“So it’s not an issue,” Ada said.

\$4.1 million

Inos said the government’s revenue is on track until the end of Fiscal Year 2009 on Sept. 30, except for the \$4.1 million that they expect the Marianas Public Land Trust to remit to the general fund.

He said MPLT was willing to give the money during the preparation for the FY 2009 budget. The \$4.1 million was listed as “recovered interest” resource in the FY 2009 budget

“It was MPLT who gave us the figure. In fact, they said it’s actually more than \$4.1 million. I said no, we only need \$4.1 million. They’re fully aware [of it],” he said.

He said the draft legislation is now with the Legislature. Inos said they asked House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray N. Yumul (R-Saipan) to introduce the bill.

Yumul, in a phone interview, said he will be meeting with the MPLT board today and will hear directly from them whether they will remit the \$4.1 million to the general fund.

Inos said if MPLT decides that it will keep the \$4.1 million and not transfer that money, “then we will have a \$4.1 million problem; otherwise, we’re tracking revenues.”

Itibus appointment

Fitial said he had asked senior policy adviser Ray Mafnas to look into the issue involving Jose L. Itibus who didn’t show up during a swearing in ceremony on Monday.

Fitial reappointed Itibus to serve on the Commonwealth Election Commission board. He said Itibus had been on the board for a long time and was originally appointed by previous governors.

When contacted by *Saipan Tribune*, Itibus said he didn’t know about the swearing-in ceremony and refused to be interviewed further.

Itibus has a pending criminal case, but the administration said a person is innocent until proven guilty. Nevertheless, they asked Mafnas to look into the issue.

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we have to. But the people who normally we have to [remove] are criminals,” he said.

But Gulick said the release of DHS regulations on the foreign investor program and the CNMI-only transitional worker program is something that’s “beyond my control.”

He said he thought the federalization regulations would be out by now, “but they’re not.”

U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP), also a guest speaker at the SHRM meeting, reiterated that he does not want a further delay in federalization, but DHS “has to do it right.”

Sablan, who capped his first round of town hall meetings Tuesday night on Saipan, shared with SHRM members his frustration with federal agencies such as DHS “for not telling us their plans,” including the release of regulations barely three months before federalization.

But he said the investor visa regulations will be coming out soon. “It’s not entirely what we’d like to see. But some of the issues will be handled by policies, and agreements between agencies.”

Sablan, the CNMI’s first non-voting delegate to the U.S. Congress, said his office will do its best to ensure that federalization regulations and policies will work for the CNMI.

“We’re not stepchildren. When

they send our kids to war and they die, they bleed the same blood as those coming from Connecticut or Hawaii, and Washington needs to understand this,” he said.

Prepare now

In the meantime, Gulick said, employers and personnel managers have to familiarize themselves with the functions of different offices and agencies under USCIS, as well as the USCIS employment eligibility verification form I-9.

The I-9 form is used by an employer to verify an employee’s identity and to establish that the worker is eligible to accept employment in the United States.

During a question-and-answer, Gulick was asked about the cost of filing

applications with USCIS. He encouraged SHRM members to check the rates published in their official website, www.uscis.gov.

He also urged SHRM members to submit comments once the regulations are released. “Every comment is reviewed and posted on the Internet,” he said, adding that the public should also let DHS know whether they like or agree with a particular portion of the regulations so that when discussions on the final rules come, these positive points can be taken into consideration.

In responding to another question, Gulick said there’s nothing in the federalization law or Public Law 110-229 that gives U.S. immigration status to a non-U.S. citizen who has a U.S. citizen

child with disabilities. But he said if the parent is a foreign worker, then he may qualify as a transitional worker under the federalization regulations.

The federal official also said that there will be public notices and public outreach programs to help the community understand the regulations once they’re released.

Sablan also shared with SHRM members and guests an update on federal funds coming the CNMI’s way and updates on his work since being elected to office.

Just like what he did at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting on Tuesday, Sablan also urged SHRM members to cooperate with the U.S. Government Accountability Office in the minimum wage survey.

How leadership account money is distributed

Lawmakers explain discretionary fund spending

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REPORTER

Between January and March, the Senate leadership account amounted to \$9,915 every month and \$8,673 of this was distributed among the chairmen of different committees.

With the exception of Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) who doesn't chair any committee, all other senators who chair committees got up to \$1,239 each.

The leadership account is separate from each senator's discretionary fund to cover for their office operations, and is also separate from their salary

of \$39,300 a year.

Senate President Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan) yesterday said every senator who chairs a committee gets an equal share.

Those who chair two committees—Vice President Felix Mendiola (Cov-Rota) and Sen. Paterno S. Hocog (R-Rota)—each got two separate amounts for their committees of \$619 and \$620, for a total of \$1,239.

This is the same amount received by committee chairs Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sen. Maria "Frica" Pangelinan (D-Saipan), Sen. Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), Sen. Joseph Mendiola (Cov-Tinian),

and Sen. Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian).

In the House of Representatives, the leadership account amounted to \$6,778 a month in the first three months of calendar year 2009.

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan) said committee chairs also got equal amount, from \$300 to \$400 each a month.

Discretionary fund

Between January and March, the total discretionary fund allotted each lawmaker was \$26,217 or \$8,739 each month. But some lawmakers asked their colleagues to transfer portions of their discretionary funds to

them for a host of reasons.

Senate President Reyes said yesterday his office did not exceed his allotted discretionary fund in the January to March quarter of \$26,217.

However, he explains, the additional \$1,000 reflected in his account that was a transfer from Sen. Jude Hofschneider was an amount that Hofschneider previously "borrowed" from his account.

"When he asked me to bail him out during a previous period, I did transfer that amount to his account. Then he transferred the same amount to my account [in January]. So the \$1,000 is not an overdrawn amount. I spent within my means," he said.

Reyes said he has never spent beyond his allotted discretion-

ary fund since he was elected as senator on a yearly basis. He said he also always donated excess money from his discretionary fund to schools.

Hofschneider, for his part, said lawmakers should be given credit for being able to live within reduced discretionary funds as well as leadership funds in recent period.

'We share resources'

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios said the thousands of dollars transferred from his discretionary fund account to that of his running mate, Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider (R-Saipan), were to cover for their shared expenses and resources.

Palacios said he and Hofschneider agreed to share personnel costs including that for a community worker and a researcher. Because these

personnel expenses were listed under Hofschneider's office budget, Palacios said he would always transfer money from his discretionary fund to Hofschneider's account.

"This is to lower the cost," he said, adding that the discretionary funds have been reduced in years.

The office of Sen. Paterno Hocog said they also didn't exceed their quarterly discretionary allotment. The office said some allotments are also "not coming in on time" and therefore are not reflected on the month they're supposed to be allotted. It also said that the senator donates excess discretionary fund to schools.

The offices of other lawmakers said the whole fiscal year figure would be a better gauge of their spending record than the quarterly figures.

Experts discuss enhancing coral resilience

Coral reef managers and scientists from across Micronesia are gathered in Guam this week to learn about building resilience into reef management and the tools available for addressing the impacts of climate change. Corals are vulnerable to climate change impacts, such as increases in temperature and ocean acidification.

During the 1997-98 El Nino event, reefs in Palau, the Great Barrier Reef, and other locations experienced wide scale coral bleaching due to increased water temperatures. In some of these places, the reefs have started to recover, but other reefs have not. The participants in the Reef Resilience and Climate Change Workshop are meeting to discuss the factors that helped reefs recover and incorporate those into coral reef management.

Managers will learn how to use tools to predict coral bleaching events developed by NOAA's Coral Reef Watch, discuss

factors that helped reefs recover during past bleaching events, learn about ecological and socioeconomic monitoring, and develop strategies for reef management that will help the region's reefs be more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Reef managers around the world are engaged in activities to help coral reefs survive climate change. This workshop will also help integrate managers from this region into a network of global practitioners working to incorporate resilience at their sites.

The Guam Reef Resilience and Climate Change Workshop is part of a series of resilience and climate change workshops that have been running for the past five years and is sponsored by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Government of Guam, The Nature Conservancy, the University of Guam Marine Laboratory and Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority. (PR)



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CNMI to get \$350K to repair wastewater collection lines

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the CNMI an additional \$350,000 grant that will be used to upgrade the islands' wastewater collection system.

This is on top of the \$2.93 million in stimulus funds the EPA earlier awarded the CNMI to finance many overdue projects intended to improve the islands' water supply.

In a statement issued yesterday, the EPA said this new infusion of

money provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will help the CNMI finance many overdue improvements to water projects that are essential to protecting public health and the environment across the Commonwealth.

The \$350,000 grant will finance the rerouting and realignment of sewer collection lines to enhance the management of wastewater, significantly reducing energy usage and operation

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and maintenance costs.

It will create jobs, boost local economies, improve aging water and wastewater infrastructure and protect human health and the environment, EPA said.

"This remarkable opportunity to provide much-needed support for sustainable water and ener-

gy-efficient drinking water and wastewater systems throughout the U.S. is unprecedented," said Laura Yoshii, acting Regional Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in the Pacific Southwest. "This funding will allow CNMI to address its highest water infrastructure priorities, protect human health and surface water quality, address climate change, and create critical green jobs as a foundation for a sustainable future."

An unprecedented \$6 billion dollars will be awarded to fund water and wastewater infrastructure projects across the country under the Recovery Act in the form of low-interest loans, principal forgiveness and grants. At least 20 percent of the funds provided under the Recovery Act are to be used for green infrastructure, water and energy efficiency improvements and other environmentally innovative projects.

President Obama signed the

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 on Feb. 17, 2009, and has directed that the Recovery Act be implemented with unprecedented transparency and accountability. To that end, the American people can see how every dollar is being invested at Recovery.gov.

Information on EPA's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 visit <http://www.epa.gov/recovery>. (PR-EPA)

'Govt scholars wanting to study at NMC increases by over 200'

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The CNMI Scholarship Office has noted a significant increase in the number of students who want to avail of the government's on-island scholarship program, according to its administrator, Merissa Seman-Rasa.

In an interview Wednesday, Seman-Rasa disclosed that over 200 additional students have submitted applications, all wanting to pursue their education at the Northern Marianas College.

As of last week, Seman-Rasa's office received 980 applications for the educational assistance

program, which caters to both off-island and on-island students.

The administrator said they usually receive almost the same amount of applicants for off-island and on-island scholarships every year.

"But for this term, we noted an increase in the number of on-island applicants of about 200 additional students," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

The government provides educational assistance to local students who want to pursue college at NMC.

Seman-Rasa said the "big" increase may be attributed to the progress at the community

college, especially when it reaffirmed its accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges last month.

NMC was placed on show-cause status in 2007 when it failed to address all the commission's team recommendations. Show-cause is a severe sanction that would have resulted in the college being stripped of its accreditation had it not addressed WASC's concerns.

Prior to the show-cause status, NMC was put on probation.

Seman-Rasa also lauded NMC for its more visible and aggressive recruitment activities to boost enrollment.

NMC enlisted 620 students during its first day of enrollment on Monday. The number is expected to go up when it closes registration tomorrow.

Seman-Rasa said the decision on who among the 980 applicants will receive the scholarship funds will be known after Sept. 30, when all requirements are turned in.

Due to budget constraints, financial assistance to EAP scholars—both off island and on island—will be reduced by 9 percent or from \$3,960 per annum to only \$3,600 per student, effective this Fall semester.

Seman-Rasa said only 750 to

800 students may be accommodated under the EAP funding.

The Scholarship Office had also stopped offering its part-time scholarship program at NMC for the same funding reason.

Under the Honor Scholarship Program, Seman-Rasa said her office received 37 applications, of which only 20 have turned in complete packages.

The CNMI Scholarship Office offers three scholarship programs to on- and off-island students: the honor scholarship, which provides up to \$15,000 yearly to qualified applicants who obtain their degrees abroad; the teacher scholarship program, which pro-

vides up to \$12,000 yearly per student; and the educational assistance grant, EAP, which provides \$3,600 yearly.

\$770K OK'd for skills training of NMI youth

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The CNMI had just been awarded a federal funding of \$770,658 to be used for skills improvement training as part of the overall goal to achieving self-sufficiency in the community.

Acting Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin O. Faisao said this funding is made through the Community Service Block Grant under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act State Plan for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

The Office of Community Services under the Administration for Children and Families/ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the fund to the CNMI after the State Plan's approval on Aug. 14.

Faisao explained that the CSBG program was created by the federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981. The CSBG program is designed to provide a range of services, which assist low-income people and youths to attain skills, knowledge, and motivation necessary to achieve self-sufficiency.

DCCA administers the CSBG program in accordance with federal law and regulations, which complements the CNMI approved State Plan and U.S. OMB Circulars authorizing the state grantee to comply with federal and local audit procedures.

Faisao stressed that that DCCA places an equal emphasis on self-sufficiency efforts and providing relief services for the immediate need of the qualified indigent members of the CNMI community.

"Like I said earlier, the department was racing against time since the due date for CNMI submission was May 27, 2009. DCCA was able to convince the grantor to allow us until June 27, 2009 for submission; however, the grantor only allowed the department to submit the required State Plan by June 23, 2009," Faisao noted.

He said that DCCA is working with the Department of Commerce on the Web site posting, as it is required by statute that public inspection or review must be made available for this particular award.

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DEQ said that samples obtained from the Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, S. Puerto Rico dump, American Memorial Park, Hafa-Adai Hotel, Hafa-Adai drainage, Garapan Fishing Dock, Sugar Dock, Chalan Kanoa

Dist. 2 Drainage, Chalan Piao Beach, and San Antonio Lift Station contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

These bacteria can indicate

the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages every Wednesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

Launch set for book on NMI healers, medicinal plants

The Inetnon Amot Natibu/Ammwelil Safeyal Faluwasch (Native Medicine Association) will be launching the first comprehensive directory of traditional healers and medicinal plants in the CNMI next week.

The launching of the Directory of Traditional Healers and Medicinal Plants in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, at the Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. It will begin at 3pm and close at 5:30pm. It is open to the public and admission is free.

At the launching, guests will have an opportunity to meet some of the traditional healers who are featured in the directory.

This directory is the first of its kind in the CNMI and in it the healers—at least 44 of them from Rota, Tinian and Saipan—were given the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences.

The directory is trilingual and written in the three official languages of the CNMI (Carolinian, Chamorro, English).

The directory also contains color pictures of more than 100 medicinal plants in the CNMI.



Work on compiling the *Directory of Traditional Healers and Medicinal Plants in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands* has been completed and it will be officially launched Wednesday next week.

The directory is an eight and a half by eleven hard-cover book and has 730 pages. Directories are available for sale during the launching.

The directory is a product of the IAN/ASF's Administration for Native Americans grant

project. In addition to the ANA grant funding, the printing of the book was made possible, in part, by Marianas Public Land Trust, Sen. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, and Reps. Ramon A. Tebuteb, Justo S. Quitugua, and Edward T. Salas.

The launching of the directory on Tinian is scheduled for the following Wednesday, Sept. 2 2009, at the Tinian Youth Center, at 10am. Launching of the directory on Rota will also be in September but the date will be announced later. **(PR)**

CLASS REUNION

Members of the Marianas High School Class of 1999 pose for a picture during their recent 10th year class reunion.

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Happy 21st birthday to Sheila Borja! We hope you enjoy your day and may the ILrd continue blessing you with many more birthday's to come. From your family and friends.



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Happy birthday greetings go out to Ruben Page, who is celebrating his 7th birthday today, Aug. 21, 2009. May you enjoy your special day and we pray that you have many more years to come! Always, your loving Nina Kate.



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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Belated happy 17th birthday to Antonette Esco Cabrera! Hope you feel better so we can all celebrate! Love you sister! From your best friends Alana and Yuri and the rest of your friends!

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Aug. 21, 2000

CUC: agencies should assume unpaid bills

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has expressed support for a proposal to turn over responsibility of paying government utilities to each department or agency in view of the mounting debt by the Tenorio administration in unpaid billings. At present, the government owes CUC over \$12 million—and still counting—which represents utilities costs for all departments and agencies from as far back as late 1997. Utility officials had raised this issue during their meeting last week with members of the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications in hopes to reach a settlement to the long-standing problem.

FSM food ban may be lifted next month

The government will lift by next month the ban imposed on food products coming from the Federated States of Micronesia after lowering the risks of a cholera outbreak in the Northern Marianas. Lands and Natural Resources Sec. Joaquin A. Tenorio said a decision will be made in the next 30 days, although the CNMI has in recent weeks eased restrictions on the entry of some of the products imported from FSM. "We will eventually lift the food ban... in the next month or so perhaps because the risk of us getting cholera from Pohnpei is going down substantially," he told reporters last week.

Aug. 21, 2001

House allows continued FDM bombing

The House of Representatives threw its support behind the US Navy, in connection with the case filed by the US-based Center for Biological Diversity against the US Navy for conducting live fire training on the Farallon de Medinilla Island. The House also directed its legal counsel, Patricia Halsell, to file a legal brief supporting the legal stance taken by the US Navy in the case. In a resolution adopted by the lower chamber on Friday, CNMI lawmakers said that they "fully support the continued use of Farallon de Medinilla for US military exercises, and the US Navy and its officials in their efforts to defend against the lawsuit [that seeks] to stop the US Navy from continuing to use the [island] for live fire training."

NMI building insect colony

Work is underway for the completion of the Kagman Laboratory where the scarlet gourd stemborer will be stored to propagate once its importation is completed. Northern Marianas College-Cooperative Research, Education and Extension Service entomologist Lee Eavy said the Division of Agriculture has agreed to allocate a section at the Kagman Laboratory where the scarlet gourd stemborer will be housed shortly after importation. Between 500 to 5,000 eggs of scarlet gourd stemborer will be brought in two separate occasion until the NMC-CREES and DLNR are able to build a colony of the insect to be used as biological control against the invasive vine.

Aug. 21, 2002

Teen held in Umeyama murder

The 16-year-old eyewitness, who claimed he saw Alfred Cruz Aldan drag Chiharu Umeyama's body from a pickup truck to a grassy area near the Mayor's Rock Quarry, was arrested yesterday in connection with the tour coordinator's death. The male teenager, a close relative of 30-year-old Aldan, was held without bail following a sealed hearing presided by Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman. Chief Criminal Prosecutor Clyde Lemons Jr. has not decided what specific charges to lodge against the juvenile defendant, pending a thorough review of the latter's statements and other details surrounding the murder case.

NMI an educational hub for Korean, Japanese students

The Northern Marianas is slowly but surely carving a niche as a prime destination for Korean and Japanese students, as the CNMI strengthens cultural and educational exchange programs with the two Asian countries. Apart from the 100 Korean students who arrived on island under the HANVIT-Saipan exchange program, 40 students from Korea were also welcomed with warm tropical greetings by Dandan Elementary School students and teachers yesterday morning. The 40 Korean students arrived on Saipan under an online cultural exchange program that aims to help them learn more about the Commonwealth's culture and traditions.

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Mr. Mubarak's return

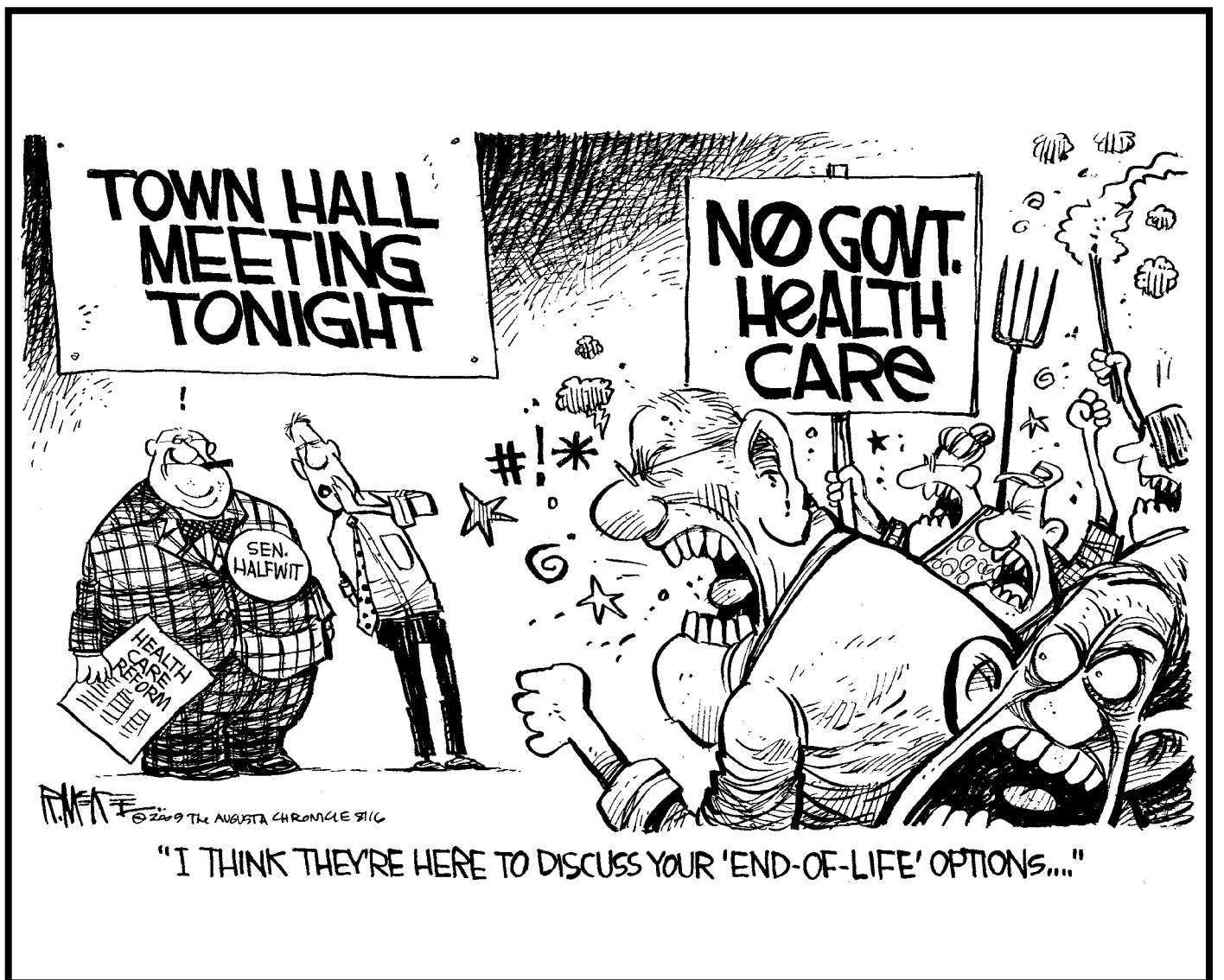
The arrival of Egyptian strongman Hosni Mubarak at the White House on Tuesday, for the first time in more than five years, will mark for many the Obama administration's return to a policy that the Bush administration rightly repudiated. For decades, U.S. administrations embraced Mr. Mubarak and other Arab autocrats in exchange for their cooperation on regional security matters; their gross abuses of human rights were ignored. President Obama's aides deny that he has adopted this strategy, which produced the Middle East of Saddam Hussein and al-Qaida. But that's how it looks in Cairo: Leaders of Egypt's democratic opposition have been expressing deep disappointment with the new administration's reduction of aid to pro-reform groups and its public support for the 81-year-old autocrat, even as pro-regime media crow in triumph.

Middle East "realists," who seem to abound in the new administration, argue that Mr. Mubarak's help is needed to deliver an Israeli-Palestinian settlement and to contain pro-Iranian radical groups such as Hezbollah and Hamas. But it's likely that they, like many U.S. policy-makers before them, will be disappointed by the disparity between Mr. Mubarak's words and actions. For several years now, the Egyptian regime has been promising Washington that it will broker an end to the rift between Hamas and the more moderate Palestinian Authority, end the smuggling of weapons to militants in Gaza and obtain the release of an Israeli soldier held hostage since 2006. It has failed on all three counts.

Despite the Obama administration's friendly gestures, Mr. Mubarak's support for its policies has been lukewarm at best. He has publicly dismissed the White House's idea that Arab states should make confidence-building concessions to Israel in exchange for an Israeli freeze on settlement construction in the West Bank. After again disparaging the administration's approach in a PBS television interview broadcast Monday, Mr. Mubarak went on to suggest that the United States was wrong to have intervened in Afghanistan.

No amount of coddling by Mr. Obama is likely to change the behavior of Mr. Mubarak, who has 28 years of experience in deflecting U.S. initiatives. What it might do is help the regime to reject domestic demands for political liberalization as a crucial transition of power approaches. Under pressure from the Bush administration, Mr. Mubarak changed Egypt's constitution to mandate direct presidential elections. The next one is due in 2011, and a fair vote, preceded by a broad liberalization, could transform the country for the better. But as U.S. pressure has eased, the regime has intensified political repression. On Monday it rejected the application by a centrist political party for legal registration. If Mr. Obama focuses his attention on Mr. Mubarak and his dubious diplomatic contributions—as opposed to the Egyptian people and their legitimate demands for political change—the president will ignore the lessons of history.

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Viewing a global powerhouse from Saipan

Whenever I'm briefing someone on Saipan life, I make a point of mentioning how to get to McDonald's. Likewise, no matter where my travels take me in the world, I make sure I know where the golden arches are.

I must not be the only one. On an average day, over 58 million people are customers at McDonald's.

Yeah, I said fifty-eight MILLION. Yeah, per DAY. Incredible. Talk about a strong brand. And McDonald's same-store sales are growing this year, a year which has left other businesses in the dust.

McDonald's offers more than just lunch, it offers a lesson in how super-competent management can, step by step, build something huge; in this case, a network of over 31,000 restaurants.

Fast-food hamburgers aren't a glamorous concept. "Flipping burgers" is a term of derision among the sassy set. Having flipped burgers for a minimum wage job (though not at McDonald's) in my youth, I will admit that the lessons I learned then (patience, preparation, attention to detail, and how to work with others) served me well ever since.

I was going to segue into Saipan's tourism industry, and mention branding, and offer Las Vegas as an example of great success in that realm of tourism, but you can connect those dots on your own. Suffice it to say, though, that moderately-priced tourism, especially package tourism, was not sufficiently glamorous to capture the fancy of the Commonwealth electorate. Package tourism is profitable, but it's competitive, is hard work, and it's a tidal flood of grueling details, day in, and day out. Nobody is going to Bota Bota Bota for such boring stuff; people like to hear more glitzy and dramatic ideas.

But as McDonald's proves, it's the little, mundane things and details that add up, over years and over decades, to a reputation and a brand. And whether it's on Saipan or anywhere else, McDonald's continues to serve as a living example of competence in action. McDonald's isn't trendy. But it is popular. There's a difference.

I'll point out the obvious and mention that having low

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prices keeps McDonald's viable in economic downturns.

And if you want to dig your teeth into an interesting way to look at things, consider the Big Mac index, which was popularized by The Economist magazine. The big idea here was to pick one universally-recognized product as a basis for international price comparisons.

I had to give a presentation on west Pacific stuff earlier this year, and the common theme I used for my graphics was various snapshots of the McDonald's I had been to in various countries. The audience was from several countries, but everyone understood McDonald's; using an American brand to convey an international common denominator was my subtle way of making a point that suited my agenda.

Not that taking such pictures is without risk. I was merrily enjoying a burger and a fancy "McCafe" coffee somewhere in Asia, snapping a few photos of the joint, and the manager came up to me and asked what I was up to. I explained the Big Mac index to her. She didn't follow that, and she seemed a bit put out with me, suspecting that I was a cranky American documenting some sort of complaint.

So I scrolled through my camera, showing her photos of McDonald's, including the menu boards, in various countries in the area. When the conceptual light bulb came on, she got a bit intrigued herself, as we compared Big Mac prices across countries at market exchange rates.

And she gave me a free apple pie. Such are the lavish remunerations of economics.

Anyway, there's a lot to think about the next time you crave a burger and fries. Saipan gives us a view of one of the world's great brands, and the lessons are many.

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Obamacare turned Obamascare

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Washington has noble intentions when considering the establishment of new entitlement programs for the general population. But these good intentions disappear in the hands of bureaucrats and sub-agencies that tend to seize and exercise power beyond the law. It's called "ambiguity" where super sub-agencies and czars dictate and impose assorted regulations against recipients of programs.

This is exactly the consequence of US Public 110-229 where it sets the CNMI to sink deeper into the abyss of an already devastated economy. It's good though that the full U.S. congressional committee was here recently to reassess the unintended consequences of compromising what's rightfully the purview of governance in order to maintain, if not improve upon what's left of the local economy. And we are grateful to the committee for employing the combined prism of Washington's intention against the resultant economic consequences.

As is the case of the Aloha State, socialized medicine, specifically

single payer health care plan, has failed so miserably. The subsequent discovery of unintended consequences that simply failed to assist those who really needed the help prompted the recent state disposition. It is for this reason that Gov. Lingle has cut certain aspects of the program to bring justice to the intended recipients, not those who have taken advantage of what's available to them even when they can afford private health insurance.

Whether President Obama has lost political capital as a result of his sales pitch to overhauling the current health care program is an interesting question in itself. But the constantly increasing number of skeptics across the country is a tale of the obvious disconnect between the arrogance and tyranny of Washington versus the people they represent in the halls of the U.S. Congress. Obama says one thing while the proposed legislation says otherwise.

And whoever wrote that legislation has got to have his cranium examined. I mean, even experts in financing, economics and health find it woefully difficult reading! Would a layman be able to make sense of it? A fat chance that any of us would breath through it like any other reading material if only to shove it aside after several hun-

dred pages. It is loaded with citations, therefore it is destined for far greater ambiguity than what the author intended.

Perhaps there's a dire need to recalibrate the national compass if only to strike a happy medium or win-win situation without the unusual depth of anger teeming across the land. This is further envenomed by the insecurity most folks have on the overlapping questionable health proposal and the economy that isn't making much headway. Branding dissenting views isn't going to cut it either. But moving toward the center where all cards are out in the open would eventually allow for a more equilibristic proposal over what is perceived as a destructive piece of legislation.

It's the health of our country and one must go in tandem with the other—a healthy economy—to pull ourselves from the sea of red ink that now threatens our national stability and livelihood. Let's get off our Trojan horses and stand shoulder-to-shoulder so we can begin deliberative national conversation that would benefit most Americans. We've done this over the last 233 years with resiliency. We still can do it again in the interest of our national economic revival and survival. Let's roll up our sleeves and begin anew!

Letters to the Editor

A real shame

Here's my latest experience with the poor boonie dog of Saipan.

Last week I came to work and smelled a faint unpleasant dead smell. I didn't look around and hurried to my office, intent on my trial calendar for the day.

That afternoon, I learned that the dead smell was coming from a dog, lying in the sun in the field outside my office, between the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library and the Civic Center. The hot sun beat down on the carcass of a dog with a collar. Looked like a German shepherd mix.

I thought, "Collar. Someone will be missing their dog and come and get him."

Wrong.

The next day the stench was unbearable. It was now an office problem as people coming into our office couldn't help but smell

the odor as they approached our door.

Two of my support staff went into action. They called the Saipan Mayor's office. A lady there put them on hold; and then came back and said call Sanitation. They called Sanitation and spoke to someone named Lia (phonetic). She put them on hold to check with her supervisor, and then came back and told us to call the Mayor's Office. My staff called the Mayor's Office again. The same woman explained they don't have "this program" anymore because there is no budget. She asked if we'd called Sanitation, and we said we did and had been referred back to the Mayor.

The two support staff took turns calling DPS. One was transferred to different departments and told they don't take care of this. Later the lunch hour dispatcher called back in response to a missed message from the other staff. The staff member was put on the line with Sgt Kiyoshi, who said DPS only entertains the matter if the dead dog is hampering traffic, and then they move the carcass to the side of the road.

We went around the loops a few more times over two days. I

spoke with my neighbor office staff and encouraged them to call. But I finally gave up.

The carcass was melting in the sun. Nature was taking its smelly course. The stench was sickening through the week, but the poor creature was less and less definable as a dead dog.

By this week, Monday, Nature had finished its messy business. The carcass, what wasn't eaten, has completely sunk into the ground, destroyed, decayed, degraded back to nature. There is only a shadow on the ground now.

Dead dogs can be taken to the transfer station, which charges \$35 to properly dispose of them.

But a dead dog on government property? No one (including me at my private, not-for-profit law office) takes responsibility.

This is a real shame.

Jane Mack
San Vicente, Saipan

Progress on Dandan Children's Park cleanup

As a Neighborhood Watch Task Force member and Block Captain for the Dandan Homestead Neighborhood Watch, I called for a general meeting in our community on July 23, 2009. Only a handful of interested people came to the first meeting. I then asked for a follow-up meeting at my residence on the evening on Wednesday, July 29, to discuss certain issues for the Neighborhood Watch Program. Only three people showed up. At that meeting, we discussed our first target project, in hopes that our Dandan residents and neighbors will appreciate what we are doing within the community.

We felt that the first target project is to restore the Dandan Children's Park, which had been abandoned in its entirety. The park was built for the use of our community, such as family gatherings, birthday parties, picnics, and other outings. Yet now it lies forgotten, ignored, and no one takes responsibility for this very nice playground that the community can make good use of. The park has been vandalized beyond imagination, thieves took away all the hose bits, damaged all the lighting fixtures, stole the copper wires that were provided to light up the park, painted graffiti all over the concrete tables and benches, and broke all the glass blocks and glass doors of the two decent restrooms provided for park users. The playground is now overgrown with grasses and ivy gourd, the standard basketball court is full of graffiti and the parking stalls are used as a dumping ground of someone's trash.

It is very disappointing to see how much damage has been done to the park. Not to mention the waste of our hard earned tax money, the development and planning time of engineers, and efforts of those involved. The good intention of the planners was for the community of Dandan to make good use of it, to have a place for our kids to play in.

We the Team of the Neighborhood Watch volunteers would like to inform you that we have made some progress so far. Please don't be too disappointed yet as our volunteers are trying their very best to bring back the park to its original order. We have cleaned and cleared the surroundings, the parking lot, the basketball court and the benches and tables in the shade. It is now usable to a certain extent and for daytime use only until we can get around to having the power restored.

I want to express my sincerest profound heartfelt gratitude and "si yuus maase" and appreciation to my colleague that have spent some of their valuable time, commitment, and dedication in helping this cleanup efforts in hopes of restoring the park back to its original form. Kudos to my friends that helped out on these two occasions so far:

<u>Saturday, August 08, 2009</u>	<u>Saturday, August 15, 2009</u>
Mr. Nunu Sanchez	Mr. Nunu Sanchez
Mr. John Leon Guerrero	Mr. John Leon Guerrero
Mr. John Leon Guerrero, Jr.	Mr. John Leon Guerrero, Jr.

Mr. Joe Kaipat	Mr. Joe Kaipat
Ms. Vicky Espayos	Ms. Vicky Espayos
Ms. Luzviminda Domingo	Ms. Luzviminda Domingo
Mr. Jun Boom Camacho	Mr. Jun Boom Camacho
Mr. Joe Deleon Guerrero (Rai)	Mr. Raymond Sablan
Mr. Robert Jake Palacios	Ms. Lillian Kosam

I would like to thank Mr. Eric Cruz for his generosity in providing us lunch on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2009, for the wonderful two buckets of KFC; Ms. Luzuiminda Domingo for the chicken adobu last Saturday; Rep. Diego T. Benavente for the three cases of water; Mr. Ray Palacios for the \$20 donation, and Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero for the soft drinks and 1 case of water delivered to our job site on Aug. 15, 2009.

I humbly invite everyone from our Dandan community to send at least one family representative or any individual who wishes to volunteer and help out on Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, from 8am to 4pm. We welcome your participation in this worthwhile project as we have a lot more to do in Dandan. Please bring your bush cutter, machete, broom, rake and anything useful for the cleanup. I can be reached by calling 483-0764 if you are interested.

Frank B. Camacho
Block Captain, Dandan Homestead Neighborhood Watch Dandan, Saipan

Ferry service: A great idea

The ferry service proposed by Senator Manglona is absolutely a great idea. The ferry will surely benefit all the stakeholders on all the populated islands of the Marianas and the boost to the tourist industry has endless possibilities. Kudos to the senator. The ocean has clearly placed the islands at a disadvantage, with virtually no conduit for the average person to afford travel between these islands. I understand the need for a study to justify the money. But the idea really needs no explanation as people can easily see we need the ferry and the many attributes of a ferry service with virtually no drawbacks, especially with our commitment to the tourist industry. But it can only work if the indigenous people on all the populated islands of the Marianas will pledge to become one people on this issue and work together to make it happen. The enmity between the CNMI and Guam must come to an end at some point and this is a great way to start a new beginning. We need everyone's support to make the ferry service a reality.

I have been waiting for months to see what our governor was going to propose to the federal government as a means for offsetting the impact of federalization. To my knowledge there is nothing even on the drawing board to offset the impact of federalization other than the lawsuit. But it is ideas like this that must become part of our "packaged requests" to shore up our economy for the implementation of federalization and the military buildup. We must use the leverage of federalization while we can to our advantage because once it has been implemented it will be harder to bargain with the federal government.

Our governor and certainly our next governor must have a real plan to shore up our economy under federalization. The complaining days and delays are quickly becoming a thing of the past as our Washington Delegate just told us in the town hall meetings—no more delays! The CNMI can't just wait and expect the federal gov-

ernment to come in and give us money to fix our problem because it is our problem and we must offer solutions just like Senator Manglona has just done, which demonstrates the real purpose and the power of town hall meetings.






Now we must support his idea by writing letters, e-mails and whatever it takes within reason to get this project. Surely the Marianas can be one people, one direction on some things and we should not let our differences on other things get in the way. If we can't come together on some things, then we shouldn't expect to accomplish anything! I'm sure that if the legislatures and governors of the CNMI and Guam will provide real leadership on this issue and we get behind the idea, the chances of success will be very very, very good.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. West winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms. West winds around 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77
Palau	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Yap	Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 77
Chuuk	Partly Sunny	▲ 88 ▼ 78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 73
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲ 89 ▼ 76
Majuro	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 77

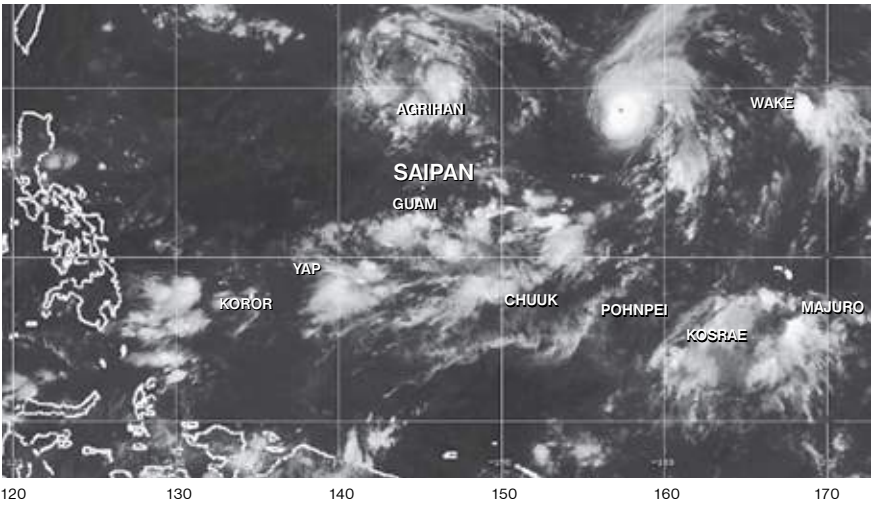
Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 58 ▼ 48
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 87 ▼ 66
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲ 91 ▼ 81
Honolulu	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 84 ▼ 78
London	Showers	▲ 72 ▼ 52
Los Angeles	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 82 ▼ 64
Manila	Showers	▲ 87 ▼ 78
Melbourne	Rain	▲ 62 ▼ 41
Miami	Partly Sunny	▲ 90 ▼ 80
New York	Thunderstorms	▲ 85 ▼ 71
Osaka	Showers	▲ 86 ▼ 75
Paris	Cloudy	▲ 73 ▼ 52
Pusan	Showers	▲ 88 ▼ 69
Rome	Sunny	▲ 92 ▼ 67
Salem	Sunny	▲ 84 ▼ 54
San Francisco	Cloudy	▲ 75 ▼ 58
Seoul	Cloudy	▲ 85 ▼ 66
Tokyo	Showers	▲ 85 ▼ 75
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲ 91 ▼ 75

Tides

Saipan Harbor		
2:03 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
7:25 AM Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
2:25 PM Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
8:52 PM Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00AM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Vamco (11W) is centered well east-northeast of the Marianas at 18N158E moving north at 2 mph with maximum sustained winds of 105 mph. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are found within 150 miles of the center of Vamco. Also, convergent southwesterly winds into Vamco are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms north of Chuuk and Pohnpei between 9N and 15N from 147E to 158E as well as within 100 miles of a line from 13N158E to 18N163E. For more detailed information, see JTWC bulletins issued under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW and tropical cyclone public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A broad circulation centered northwest of the Marianas near 24N138E is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of the Marianas between 19N and 25N from 141E to 150E. Convergent west winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over Koror and Yap within 160 miles of a line from Koror to 9N146E. A surface trough extends southwestward over the Marshall Islands from Majuro to EQ165E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found between 2N and 8N from 164E to 172E. The remnants of Tropical Depression 01C (Maka) centered southeast of Wake Island near 16N168E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms within 90 miles of a line from 12N167E to 18N170E. An upper-level low centered at 25N175E is producing scattered showers within 180 miles of a line from 25N176 to 19N180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:36 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:36 PM
Monday	6:04 AM	6:35 PM
Tuesday	6:04 AM	6:34 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	6:32 AM	7:09 PM
Saturday	7:30 AM	7:51 PM
Sunday	8:27 AM	8:33 PM
Monday	9:23 AM	9:15 PM
Tuesday	10:18 AM	9:59 PM

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SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO) NW78 9:00am 11:40am Daily	NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN NW77 9:10pm 1:40am+1 Daily
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 100 7:00am 7:30am Daily				FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 100 7:50am 8:20am Daily				FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
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‘Stock conversion will *not* cure CUC debt with CDA’

The CUC news article of Aug. 20, 2009 (“Stock conversion will cure CUC’s \$177M debt with CDA”) is mind-boggling. The headline should have been stock conversion will NOT cure CUC’s debt with CDA. Converting CUC debt into equity will not enhance the power generating infrastructure by mere transfer of liability to the capital section of the balance sheet. Why?

The article stated, “...approximately \$61 million in principal and an accelerated interest of \$116 million, resulting in a total obligation in excess of \$177 million, according to CUC consultant Georgetown Consulting Group. A petition filed by CUC to approve a stock conversion of \$45 million is now with the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission. Georgetown indicated that the reduction in the principal amount from the current \$61 million to \$45 million is an effective \$16 million waiver of previous outstanding loans for sewer and water projects.”

This simply explains that over the long period of time when CUC power plants and all its infrastructures were built, at 100 percent power generating capacity, debt to CDA now accounts at \$177 million. CUC infrastructures are now old, producing 30 percent or less in capacity. The \$177 million debt will be converted into capital so that, in paper, CUC will have zero debt and is 100 percent capitalized. In paper, this is good but in actuality we need to look at the CUC’s power generating condition and its long-term sustainability.

Believing that CUC could financially support its normal operation without the central government’s subsidy is ideal. If that is so, the equity conversion will work. Otherwise, it is just a paper fix for CUC or a mere bookkeeping maneuver.

Firstly, CUC infrastructure should improve by producing 100 percent of power generating capacity as a result of debt to equity conversion. Only then will the conversion really work! If not, the conversion will become fruitless.

Here is the interesting part: *Saipan Tribune* learned that the agreement contains favorable annual dividends, quarterly payment provisions, and the deferral of the first three years of dividends, subject to the interest-free amortization of the deferred dividends over a 15-year term. Meaning: For the first three years, annual dividends will be deferred (or zero dividend payment of the preferred stock). For the next 15 years, amortization of such is interest-free. The simple concept of dividend: it will only be paid when there is profit. No profit means no dividend payments. Profit means total income exceeds

total expenses. CUC needs to be profitable upon conversion of debt to equity from day one. Otherwise, conversion does not serve its purpose.

Here is the related part from the article: Georgetown Consulting Group said the three-year dividend deferral period is designed to allow CUC ample time for fiscal recovery because CUC will make no dividend payments to CDA, while only \$270,000 would be due from Year 4 through Year 18 in quarterly dividends. CUC’s debt to CDA could not be solved by incurring more debt. There is no easy fix for CUC’s financial problem. A viable solution to pay a debt is not to incur more debt. Sustainable and profitable operation is the only suitable solution in paying off debt. I hope you’ll find this explanation valuable.

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Change we can't believe in

Campaign season is in full swing. New jobs, new promises, and new slogans. While everyone is busy putting up political signs, I would like to address a few issues that still matter to each and every voter:

CRIME. Crime is running rampant. How bad is it? A friend parked their car outside my parents' house, and they stole, of all things, the *air bag*! Forget the stereo. They took the air bag because we were informed that some auto shops pay more for an air bag than a state-of-the-art sound system. An air bag?! Are you serious? I hope they don't find out how much a good kidney is worth on the black market!

The scum who break into our cars are the same scum who break into our homes. They are the same scum who traffic and deal ice and try to sell it to our children. They are the same scum who will beg, borrow, and steal to play poker at 3am in the morning while their children are asleep in their cars parked outside. They are the same scum who will blame everything and everyone for their failures and their shortcomings in life without ever once looking in the mirror and taking an ounce of responsibility.

Since our judges are well-known for their compassion and acts of mercy via their slap-on-the-wrist sentencing, isn't it

time we pass legislation for mandatory sentencing? How about a three-strikes law? How about mandatory sentencing for violent criminals? Sex offenders? Drug dealers? Whatever happened to "You do the crime, you do the time"? It seems to have been replaced with, "You do the crime, you say three Our Fathers and three Hail Mary's and all is forgiven." We are a kind people, but aren't you getting sick and tired of having to add barbed wire to your fences and putting iron bars on your windows? *It is we, the law-abiding good citizens of the CNMI who are becoming the real prisoners!*

HEALTH CARE. That's a bit of an oxymoron here in the CNMI, isn't it? Anyone been to CHC lately? Don't you dare start talking about how lousy the doctors and nurses are. We have some great doctors, and it is sad to see several of them leaving so soon and so suddenly. If you want to blame someone for the sorry state-of-affairs at CHC, blame this administration. While political hiring is on the upswing and every government agency is seeing new faces and new contracts, CHC continues to be neglected. Two ER doctors left at CHC instead of eight. God forbid, what happens if there is a car accident and eight people are rushed to CHC in critical condition? Can CHC handle such a

scenario? Hell no. They can't even handle outpatient care. When we open up a state-of-the-art dialysis center that went from \$7 million to \$23 million, and no one is being arrested, we know we are *screwed*. Can you say change order via *biba korupsi*? So, we will have a \$23 million dialysis center, yet, we still do not have a nephrologist. No big deal. Hey, at least the dialysis center looks nice, and the air con is pretty cold too!

Whatever happened to *preventive* measures? When it comes to diseases, it is far cheaper to prevent it than to treat it. How about getting with the rest of the world and passing anti-smoking legislation? The House passed it, and now it sits in the Senate, collecting dust. Why is that? Is it because some of our senators are smokers? Is it because they think it is anti-business? If they read the evidence presented to them, 99.99 percent of businesses do better when they ban smoking. And to all the bar owners who think it is up to the customer and that they should have a choice of whether or not to go to a smoke-infested bar, you should be ashamed of yourselves. Have you ever for once thought about your worker, who is subjected to secondhand smoke day in and day out? Do not such workers have the right to clean air? It reminds me of the time when I saw an eight-month pregnant woman working in a bar as a waitress. How sad and how unfair, and how shameful that workers like her have no say when it comes to the safety of their heart and lungs. Wake up and smell the coffee. Tobacco kills, and it is a major contributor to all of our diseases and health problems today. If we can't enact common sense laws that protect the health and well-being of the innocent, then we can forget about progress and change in the CNMI. When I see someone light up a cigarette next to my children and my very pregnant wife, I want to take the cigarette and extinguish it on their forehead for lacking common sense.

Here's another thought. Why don't we start treating doctors like medical professionals rather than political hires? How about we treat our doctors with the respect that they deserve? Anyone who goes to school for more than a decade and can save lives deserves a bit of respect, don't you think? Stop treating them like cattle. They are not here to campaign for any politician. They are here to improve our health and well-being. We give a great deal of respect to our spiritual healers, our *suruhanus* and *suruhanas*. Let us extend that respect to our medical doctors. They are not miracle workers, but they have been known to perform miracles when given the right tools and an important thing called *rest*. Having a doctor work 12 to 16 hours a day? Not a good thing.

CUC. CUC is no longer broken? I beg your pardon? We rented our generators via Aggreko when we could have *bought* brand new equivalent engines for less money. We could have saved millions had we brought in the unused generators from Tinian that we currently own. There were other options on the table, but we went with Aggreko. If CUC is no longer broken, why did we have two power outages in my village last weekend? Why do we still experience power outages? Oops, I forgot. Falling trees! That blasted *tangan tangan* always gets the best of us.

Supposedly, 53 megawatts of power has been restored, and Aggreko is scheduled to leave in September. How long will those 53 megawatts last? Probably shorter than an ice dealer's prison sentence (that means less than a couple of months, just in case you didn't know).

We had a three-day energy summit a little over a month ago. It was brilliant. But what has happened since then? As one of the presenters stated, "There is no magic bullet when it comes to energy." The CNMI needs to get out of power distribution and open the market to independent power producers, and we need to make sure that any government official who tries to influence or benefit from these independent power producers via kickbacks will be tarred and feathered and caned by every single frustrated CUC customer who has been overcharged, disconnected, and disrespected. Yes, put that in the RFP please, and please allow me to be the first in line.

Historically speaking, the problem in the CNMI hasn't been a lack of planning. It has always been a lack of execution and enforcement. It will continue to be this way until the day we actually see accountability, transparency, and equality in every corner of our government. Until then, the status quo will always exist and we will always be given change we can't believe in. I am confident we will see change come November. I'll bet my stocks in Aggreko on it.

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Palau SSA sets visit to Saipan

The Palau Consulate announced yesterday the visit of the Republic of Palau Social Security Administration and its staffs to Saipan to provide an update on their latest rules and regulations and laws for beneficiaries who are abroad.

The Consulate urges all Palauans and everyone who are beneficiaries or/and in near future will be eligible for the ROP Social Security benefit to come and attend this important meeting on Monday, Aug. 24, 2009, at the Multi-Purpose Center, from 6pm to 10pm.

For more information, contact the Consulate at (670) 235-6804. (PR)

MHS Class of '79 reunion meeting today

Attention all MHS Class of 1979 graduates: The final MHS Class of 1979 reunion meeting will be held today, Aug. 21, 2009, at Irene Takai Camacho's Dandan house at 6pm. Final details for the 30th year class reunion will be discussed and decided. Dips and chips and BYOB. Call Irene at 288-2596 between 8am to 3pm for details. (PR)

KagES parents' orientation schedule

The Kagman Elementary school parent orientation is scheduled on Sept. 3, 2009. All parents are highly encouraged to attend the orientation and meet your children teachers' for the upcoming SY 2009-2010. The students' school supply list will be provided by teachers during the parent orientation. Orientation time for Kindergarten to 2nd grade will be at 9am-11am. Orientation time for 3rd-5th grade will be at 1pm-3pm in the school cafeteria. (PR)

Additional English placement test today

The Northern Marianas College will be conducting an additional English placement test today, Aug. 21, from 9am to 12pm, at Room A-5.

Those who wish to take courses at NMC must take the placement test. Registration for NMC's Fall 2009 semester is still ongoing until today, Aug. 21 (9am - 6 pm). Late registration is tomorrow, Aug. 22 (9am - 12pm).

Test takers must bring a valid photo ID (driver's license, passport or school ID) and pencils. No admittance to the testing room will be allowed after the starting time. There is a \$25 fee for the placement test that must be paid in advance at the NMC cashier (M-F, 9am - 6pm). No one will be allowed into the testing room without proof of payment (a receipt for the placement test fee).

If you have any questions about the English placement test, call the Languages & Humanities Department at (670) 234-5498 Ext. 2009 or 1242. (PR)

Life in the Spirit Seminar set

Join the Life in the Spirit Seminar,

an annual event sponsored by the Light and Salt Catholic Charismatic Community. This aims to help re-establish and deepen your personal relationship with Christ, yield in the action of the Holy Spirit and increase in faith. The seminar will be held on Aug. 23 and 24 at St. Jude Parish Church. Invited resource speakers are Fr. Charlie Borja and Fr. Celso Magbanua.

Part 1: Aug. 23 (Sunday)
10am - 11am: Mass at St. Jude Parish Church
11am - 12pm: Registration and complimentary lunch
12pm - 5pm: Talk (1-5)
Part 2: Aug. 24 (Monday)
7:30-9:30pm: Talk (6-7) St. Jude Parish Church

Kagman High School notice

Kagman High School will conduct an orientation for 9th graders (freshmen) on Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009, from 9:30am to 11:30am. For 10th graders (sophomores), it will be from 1pm to 3pm at the Kagman High School cafeteria. For 11th graders (juniors) and 12th graders (seniors), orientation will be on Friday, Aug. 28, 2009, from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information, call 237-3840 or 237-3832; fax 664-3788. (PR)

Meeting of the Autism Society of the CNMI tomorrow

The Autism Society of the CNMI will be holding its monthly meeting tomorrow, Aug. 22, 2009, at 10am at the NMPASI Conference Room. Information regarding the group and future meetings will be available at this meeting. All families and friends of individuals with autism and autism related spectrum disorders are invited to attend.

For additional information, call John at 234-8803/4 or Larrisa at 322-3761 or send an email to as_cnmi@yahoo.com. (PR)

MHS reminder for freshmen

Incoming freshmen of the Marianas High School are being reminded to turn in their "School Entrance Health Certificate" (blue health immunization certificate) to the MHS Registrar's Office between 8am-4pm, Mondays-Fridays. For questions and concerns, call 237-3206. (PR)

SVES sets Open House, parent orientation

The San Vicente Elementary School is inviting all parents to its upcoming Open House (Parent Orientation) on Friday, Sept. 4, from 9am to 12pm. Parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teacher and receive the requested supply list for the coming school year. Orientations will be held by grade level in the following classrooms:

Kindergarten	I-24
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Water outage in Kagman, Papago and San Vicente

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has scheduled a water outage in parts of Kagman, Papago and San Vicente areas tomorrow, Aug. 22, 2009, from 7:30am to 6:30pm, to enable its men to repair the Papago Super Blue Reservoir.

The water outage will affect customers residing along Kagman Road, starting from the intersection of Kagman Mobil Station and south on Isa Drive down to San Vicente Church. On Sunday, Aug. 23, 2009, customers in these areas can expect low water pressure.

In a statement issued yesterday, CUC said that its Water Division's distribution maintenance crew is scheduled to work on the Papago Super Blue Reservoir to seal all holes and openings, inspect, clean, and disinfect the storage tank.

This required work is necessary to protect treated stored water and provide improved overall water quality for public

consumption. This work enables the division to comply with the stipulated order concerning drinking water operations and maintenance in correcting major sanitary deficiencies cited during storage tanks inspections. Water service will be restored to affected customers as soon as the work is completed.

Residents are encouraged to practice strict water conservation and to teach children and household workers to save water, especially during this period. Rainwater catchment systems/water tanks should be cleaned and float valves installed or replaced to ensure that water does not overflow from any tanks.

For more information, contact Bruce Magarr, deputy director for Water and Wastewater Operations, at 235-7025 through 235-7032 Ext. 172 or Mariano Iglecias, Water and Wastewater operation manager at Ext. 152. (CUC)

BRM's Summer Jam & Glam in full swing

Now it can be told.

Six bands are now ready to raise the bar in *Beach Road Magazine's* Summer Jam & Glam, slated for Aug. 30 at the Hibiscus Hall of Fiesta Resort & Spa Hotel.

ISKUPZ, \$5 Haircuts, Rated R, Vyrus Band, Scarlett Theory, and D is For Grape Drink are battling it out for the title and bragging rights, and prizes.

To help weed out the best from this batch of musicians and declare a winner, Bob Webb, general manager of KZMI, and musicians Parker Yobei and Floyd Lim will be the competition's judges.

Also, text voting will occur on competition night so supporters of the band are encouraged to be at the event. Text votes will account for 10 percent of the total score.

Simultaneous with the band competition is a fashion show with Soledad Tenorio at the helm. Students from Northern Marianas College and *Beach*

Road Magazine's cover models will be sashaying down the runway in a variety of clothes sold at Boarderline, The Athlete's Foot, All Star Sporting Goods, and Joeten Shopping Center in Susupe. Under the direction of Fiesta eventologist Oscar Yema, the fashion show is a must-see.

Spicing up the show are Brad Ruszala who will serve as the master of ceremony for the event and DJ Bonez of Power 99 who will annotate the fashion show.

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Secretary of the Navy to visit Guam

SANTA RITA, Guam—Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus is scheduled to arrive in Guam on Sunday, Aug. 23.

During his visit, Mabus will meet with military leaders and Guam government officials. He also plans to visit Saipan to meet with government representatives.

Mabus is the 75th United States Secretary of the Navy. As Secretary, he leads America's Navy and Marine Corps and is responsible for an annual budget in excess of \$150 billion and almost 900,000 people.

The Secretary of the Navy is responsible for conducting all the affairs of the Department of the Navy, including recruiting, organizing, supplying, equipping, training, and mobilizing. (USN)

Canton Restaurant marks a quarter century of service

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REPORTER

Despite the persistent economic slump, there is one business establishment on Saipan that continues to weather the storm and has even been getting stronger over the years.

Canton Restaurant, a Beach Road landmark in the Garapan tourist district, will be celebrating its silver anniversary tomorrow, Aug. 22, 2009—an impressive 25 years of providing the island with Hong Kong style food service.

“We’re still doing good. Yeah, maybe silver means stability and luck,” said siblings

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Rose Chan and Carol Chan-Wong, looking back on how they started it all on island.

With third sister Anna, the Chans said they owe all these to the residents of Saipan who keep coming back to patronize their quality service.

“Here, we have good food, good prices and good service. That’s how people like us, especially local residents,” said Carol, who serves as the company’s manager and director.

With this philosophy, the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The service crew and chefs of Canton Restaurant with their managers, the Chan sisters Rose, Carol and Anna.

Chans said, the restaurant just keeps getting stronger.

“We treat our guests like our family. We have been here on Saipan for a long time and they know us very well,” Carol said.

As a way of giving back to the community, the three sisters are inviting the public, especially their regular patrons, to visit Canton Restaurant tomorrow and enjoy the special menu for this silver anniversary offering.

“We will be providing extra and free traditional Chinese desserts,” Carol said. This should include the all-time favorite tikoy.

The lunch buffet is from 11 am to 2 pm while the set dinner is

from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, with prices that range from as low as \$35 to \$50 for two persons or \$120 for 10 people.

Guests may also order Canton Restaurant’s specialties, which include steamed fish, fried fish fillet, beef broccoli, sweet and sour pork, deep-fried shrimp, and steamed shrimps—for prices as low as \$8 to \$10.

Other chef recommendations are the Peking duck, roast duck, steamed duck, boiled shark’s fin soup, fried lobster and grilled prawn, for as low as \$20 to \$45.

Origins

It was their father, Kwok Chung

Hong Kong, who was lured by the beauty of the islands after his first visit in 1982, prompting him to start the business.

“He just loved this island so much because it is so clean, so fresh and very peaceful,” Rose said.

Their father rented a small unit at the restaurant’s present location (along Beach Road, in front of Mobil and McDonald’s in Garapan) and has not looked back since.

The three sisters have since then kept the business intact and have even improved on it significantly.

Rose recalled that during their first few years here, local residents were very much into celebrating birthday, wedding and anniversary parties at the beaches.

“But about 10-15 years ago,

they began coming to us. They knew that they would save time and effort as well as enjoy our quality service,” Rose said.

The restaurant began with only 10 tables in the ’80s that can accommodate 50 people.

Now they have about 25 tables and can accommodate a maximum of 200 people.

All of Canton Restaurant’s chefs are Chinese, ensuring the authenticity of the food they serve. Aside from the Hong Kong style cuisine, they also serve Malaysian curry, Singapore noodles and steak (Italian and American).

“We call it a fusion food. We also encourage you to try our wonton soup,” Carol said.

Canton Restaurant also offers catering services for special occasions as well as home delivery.



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Palms Resort Saipan's Pau Pau Bar singing chefs and waiters have their picture taken during the launching of Mexican Night last Wednesday night.

Palms Resort packs it in during Mexican Night

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Palms Resort Saipan's Pau Pau Bar was packed with a variety of hot and spicy food Wednesday evening for the launching of the hotel's Mexican Night, in partnership with Miller Chill.

Food and Beverage Manager Cristina Lustre said they are delighted with the turnout.

"We didn't really expect these many people to come and enjoy the food. We will try to make this even better for our guests," said Lustre.

One of the guests, Allison Landy from Pacific Island Club, came with friends upon learning of the event in the newspapers.

"Amazing! I like the seafood and vegetables," Landy said.

Mexican Night is not exclusive to just south of the border fare. Mediterranean and Oriental food are also being served—all for a special price of only \$25



NAZARIO RODRIGUEZ JR.

Some of the guests sample the variety of international dishes during the launching of Mexican Night at Pau Pau Bar of Palms Resort Saipan Wednesday evening.

with drinks (bottoms up margaritas and the like)—every Wednesday, from 6:30pm until 9:30pm.

"They can drink as much as they can," said executive sous chef Habib Akbar.

"Actually we have mixed food. It is a hot, hot, spicy night. We try to blend Mexican, Mediterranean, Indian, etc.," Akbar said.

The top favorites of the night were the fajitas (Mexican) and the shawarma (Middle Eastern), as well as the curry dishes and salad.

"Of course they like all our menu. As you can see, we have a full force crew. All the waiters are here," said Akbar.

One of the regular attractions for the night are the singing chefs and waiters, all clad in traditional Mexican costumes.

Guests Kazumi Elliott and husband Brad Elliott said they both enjoyed the excellent food.

"It's kind of a Middle Eastern setting. We love the fresh seafood," the Elliotts said.

Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce A. Bateman said he and his wife enjoyed the tacos, re-fritos and "also the seafood are excellent."

The rice (with fried beef) along with nachos, masked potato meatball, chili sauce, tacos and fajitas—all Mexican styles—will be part of the regular menu.

"Our main goal is to give the community more variety for them to enjoy," Akbar said.

The hotel is also inviting guests to its regular Sunday Brunch at the Kaenju Restaurant, from 11 am to 2 pm.

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Business

AP source: Deficit to be \$1.58 trillion this year

By JIM KUHNHENN and PHILIP ELLIOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITERS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House plans to announce the federal deficit will be about

\$262 billion less than officials predicted earlier this year—in part because the administration has provided less aid than expected to Wall Street.

The federal deficit this year will total \$1.58 trillion, a senior

White House official said late Wednesday. That's three times more red ink than last year. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss the report before its release next

Tuesday while President Barack Obama will be on vacation in Massachusetts.

The new deficit numbers are record shattering, but would give the Obama administration the op-

portunity to say that its policies have avoided a more extreme financial crisis and eliminated the need for further bank infusions.

Still, the deficit amount is a tremendous obstacle for an admin-

istration trying to undertake massive policy overhauls in health care and the environment.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office also is expected to release its mid-session review on Tuesday. It estimated in June that it expected a deficit of \$1.825 trillion.

LaHood planning to wind down clunkers program

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Obama administration is developing plans to wind down the popular Cash for Clunkers program and could announce by Friday when the incentives will no longer be available.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said Wednesday the department would announce within 48 hours how it intends to discontinue the program that offers car buyers rebates of \$3,500 or \$4,500 for trading in older vehicles for new, more fuel-efficient models. Department officials met with car dealer

trade groups on Wednesday to discuss how the program will eventually end and respond to complaints over a backlog of rebate payments to dealers.

Through early Wednesday, auto dealers have made deals worth \$1.81 billion and are on pace to exhaust the program's \$3 billion in funds in early September. The incentives have generated more than 435,000 vehicle sales but dealers want a clear plan on when the rebates will no longer be available so they don't end up on the hook for any of the incentives.



LaHood

Oil prices jump on surprise draw down of US supply

NEW YORK (AP)—Oil prices spiked Wednesday after the government reported a huge draw of crude oil from U.S. stockpiles.

The report was surprising because the demand for energy has been knocked down so badly by the recession. Crude withdrawn from storage facilities last week wiped out

a buildup in supplies over the past two weeks.

Benchmark crude for September delivery jumped \$3.23 to settle at \$72.42 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. That contract expires Thursday, and most of the trading has already shifted to the October contract, which climbed \$2.74

to settle at \$73.83.

If the October contract ends the week at that price, it would set a new high for 2009.

The Energy Information Administration said crude in storage fell by 8.4 million barrels last week. Gasoline held in storage fell as well.

Investors have been look-

ing for signs that the country would recover its energy appetite as the economy healed. The EIA report, on the surface, would suggest that may have begun. Last week's drop in crude supplies was the most since Aug. 15, 2008, a month after crude prices peaked above \$147 a barrel.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Not so secret: UBS to divulge Swiss account names

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. pulled back the veil on Switzerland's famed tradition of banking secrecy Wednesday, winning an agreement for banking giant UBS AG to disclose the names of 4,450 American clients suspected of hiding assets in Swiss accounts. The news is expected to prod thousands more UBS clients in America to voluntarily disclose their financial details to the Internal Revenue Service, lest they be pursued later. The accounts held \$18 billion at one time, though many have since been closed, said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. Justice Minister Eveline Widmer-Schlumpf told a news conference in Bern that the deal lifts the threat of criminal prosecution against UBS, which not only would have endangered the bank's existence but would have dealt a severe blow to the Alpine nation's economy.

Accused credit card hacker lived large in Miami

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Nestled near a row of sultry, silvery-green palm trees and a 205-foot-long infinity pool, room 1508 at the National Hotel on South Beach is a portrait of Art Deco luxury. It is also where, on May 7, 2008, federal agents seized two computers, \$22,000 in cash and a Glock 9 gun from a man known on the Internet as "soupnazi." His real name is Albert Gonzalez, and

he was with his girlfriend when federal agents arrived. Just as the setting was not run-of-the-mill, neither was the arrest. Gonzalez was charged with hacking into business computer networks and stealing credit and debit card accounts—and in an embarrassing twist, he had once been an informant for the U.S. Secret Service. This week, Gonzalez, 28, was indicted in New Jersey on more federal charges. Now the biggest credit card hacks of the decade—totaling 170 million accounts—have been pinned on Gonzalez.

Wells Fargo sued over home equity lines of credit

NEW YORK (AP)—The banking unit of Wells Fargo & Co. is facing a lawsuit claiming it illegally reduced the size of customers' home equity lines of credit. The suit, which was filed in Illinois, claims Wells Fargo failed to accurately assess the value of customers' houses before deciding to cut the size of their credit lines. San Francisco-based Wells Fargo is being accused of using unreliable computer models that wrongly valued home prices too low to justify cutting the size of customers' loans. Home equity lines of credit are similar to credit cards in that a customer has a credit limit and can continue to borrow money until the limit is reached. Once a portion is paid off, it again becomes accessible to borrow. But, home equity lines of credit are backed by a borrower's property, whereas credit cards are unsecured.



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Nation

Tornado, storms cause heavy damage in Midwest

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Powerful winds slammed parts of four Midwestern states on Wednesday, leaving behind shattered windows, toppled power lines and a handful of injuries. At least a half dozen suspected tornadoes were reported.

The National Weather Service received reports of a pos-

sible tornado near downtown Minneapolis, where winds tore off part of a 90-year-old metal church steeple. Wisconsin, Iowa and Illinois were also hit, though the only confirmed tornado as of Wednesday night was in Hastings, about 30 miles southeast of Minneapolis, where a 100-yard-long

swath of trees was flattened.

Jack Freitag said he was standing in the lobby of the Central Lutheran Church in Minneapolis when he saw "a wall cloud from the south coming across the parking lot." Then a "very loud roar" came through as he saw signs being blown around in the wind.

The wind tore off part of the church's 90-year-old metal steeple around 2 p.m. while about 120 people were inside, said church spokesman Joe Bjordal.

"I was worried about the people then," said Freitag, who told everyone to seek shelter in the church's basement. No one was injured.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ind. money manager sentenced for Fla. plane crash

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—An Indiana money manager who crashed his plane and parachuted to safety in an elaborate scheme to fake his death and flee financial ruin was sentenced Wednesday to more than four years in federal prison. Marcus Schrenker, 38, sobbed and gave a rambling speech during a four-hour sentencing hearing. He apologized to air traffic controllers, his family, and residents of the Florida Panhandle town where his plane went down near some homes on Jan. 11. "To this day I cannot believe I could do something so reckless and selfish," he told U.S. District Judge Roger Vinson on Wednesday. "I believe a divine force gently put the aircraft down in the swamp. It is my hope the residents of Milton feel my pain. If someone had gotten hurt, I do not know what I would do."

Md. lawmaker takes heat for marriage proposal

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Democratic Delegate Jon Cardin was intent on creating the perfect night to propose to his fiancée, and the evening is certainly one she won't forget. Unfortunately, a fuss over his use of a Baltimore police helicopter and a police boat is likely to dog the couple long after the wedding. After he pulled off the Aug. 7 happy hour stunt in which his girlfriend thought the boat they were cruising on had been raided, only to be surprised by Cardin going down on bended knee, Cardin talked of his escapade at a conference of local government officials. But the buzz around the engagement turned sour after it became public. Cardin has been criticized for everything from bad taste to

the misuse of resources. Police have begun an internal probe.

Storm fells hundreds of trees in NY's Central Park

NEW YORK (AP)—Hundreds of century-old trees lay snapped in half and uprooted throughout Central Park on Wednesday after a severe thunderstorm with winds as high as 80 mph barreled through the city overnight. "I've never seen a wind of that velocity in New York City," Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe said. "It looks like pictures that I've seen of war zones where artillery shells have shredded trees." The storm swept through the area Tuesday night, snapping some of the park's famous American elm trees in half while uprooting others. One tree lay across the tennis courts at West 96th Street, and a few lampposts stood at a slant after trees crashed into them. Several parked cars were also destroyed when branches hurtled through the air and landed on them.

US man says no regrets about Myanmar jailing

CHICAGO (AP)—American John Yettaw said Wednesday he has no regrets about taking a secret swim to the home of Myanmar's detained democracy leader—a decision that landed them both in prison—and indicated that he still believes his bizarre visit somehow saved her from being assassinated. "If I had to do it again, I would do it a hundred times, a hundred times, to save her life," an exhausted-looking Yettaw said of Aung San Suu Kyi in an interview with The Associated Press after arriving in the U.S. on Wednesday. He added, "That they locked her up, it just breaks my heart." Yettaw, 53, was wearing a blue surgical mask and clutching a green Harrods bag as he was pushed in a wheelchair through Chicago's O'Hare International Airport after his arrival.

GOP unmoved as Obama renews health care push

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is broadening his push for overhauling health care even as congressional Democrats quietly pursue ways to achieve their goals without any Republican help. After two days of silence on health care, Obama re-engaged Wednesday, urging religious leaders to back his proposals and preparing for a pep talk to a much larger audience of liberal activists, whose enthusiasm has been questioned. Polls continued to show slippage in support for the president's approach, although Americans expressed even less confidence in Republicans' handling of health care.

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Asia

SKorea allows North to send condolence delegation

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea on Thursday accepted North Korea's request to send a delegation to pay respects to late former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, amid signs of warming ties between the neighbors.

North Korea's Kim Jong Il sent a rare condolence message Wednesday for Kim Dae-

jung, whom he met in a historic 2000 summit in Pyongyang that spawned a flurry of reconciliation projects on the divided peninsula. North Korea's state media later said Kim Jong Il planned to send a condolence delegation to Seoul on Friday and Saturday.

The state funeral for Kim Dae-jung, who died Tuesday at age 85, is scheduled Sunday at the National Assembly.

The offer was the latest in a

series of gestures of conciliation made by North Korea in the past week, with its government releasing a detained South Korean worker and announcing it would allow some stalled cross-border projects to resume.

On Thursday, Chun Hae-sung, a spokesman for Seoul's Unification Ministry, said it decided to allow the trip "in consideration of South-North Korean ties" and the wishes of Kim Dae-jung's family.

South Korean mourners offer flowers during a memorial service for the late former South Korean President Kim Dae-jung at Seoul Plaza in Seoul, South Korea, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009.

AP



Afghans vote for president under a cloud of violence

KABUL (AP)—Afghans voted under the shadow of Taliban threats of violence Thursday to choose their next president for a nation plagued by armed insurgency, drugs, corruption and a feeble government nearly eight years after the U.S.-led invasion.

Turnout, particularly in the violent south, will be key to the vote's success - the country's second direct presidential election. Taliban militants have pledged to disrupt the vote and circulated threats that those who cast ballots will be punished.

Early indications in Kabul pointed to a low initial turnout, perhaps as people assessed whether casting ballots was safe. An Associated Press re-

porter who visited six polling centers in the capital said he saw no lines at any of them.

"Yes, we are going to vote," Abdul Rahman, 35, said as he stood 50 yards (meters) outside one polling center. He and his friends were waiting to see a line of people vote safely before casting ballots. "If anything happens to the polling center, we don't want to be too close to it."

President Hamid Karzai, who has held power since the Taliban was ousted in late 2001, is favored to finish first among 36 official candidates, although a late surge by former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah could force a runoff if no one wins more than 50 percent.



ASIAN BRIEFS

Glitch forces SKorea to abort rocket launch

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A technical glitch forced South Korea to abort liftoff of its first rocket into space Wednesday, delaying a launch that threatened to stoke tensions with North Korea even as Pyongyang joined in mourning a leader who pushed tirelessly for reconciliation. The rival Koreas are eager to develop space programs, and had aimed to send satellites into space this year. In April, the North launched a three-stage rocket it claimed sent a communications satellite into orbit; some experts doubt the mission succeeded. Washington, Tokyo and others called that launch a disguised test of long-range missile technology. The U.N. Security Council condemned the launch, saying it was a violation of resolutions banning North Korea from ballistic missile-related activity.

Taiwan typhoon victims berate President Ma

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)—Taiwanese survivors of Typhoon Morakot berated the president on Wednesday for his government's slow response to the deadly disaster, and two more Cabinet members offered to resign to take responsibility. The storm hit the island 12 days ago, taking at least 400 lives and causing more than \$2 billion in property damage. It triggered landslides and widespread flooding that trapped thousands of people in remote mountain villages for days. Angry relatives and friends of the more than 200 people who died in a massive mudslides in Shiao Lin confronted President Ma Ying-jeou when he visited the southern village for the first time Wednesday.

Persistence helps NZ diver find lost wedding ring

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A New Zealand man who promised his wife he would find his wedding ring after it fell into the capital's murky harbor has been successful, 16 months later. Ecologist Aleki Taumoepeau was checking Wellington harbor for invasive plant species in March last year when the ring went into 10 feet of water. "It flew off into the air and everyone on the boat was looking at it and said it was like a scene from 'Lord of the Rings' in slow motion," Rachel Taumoepeau was quoted as saying in Thursday's Dominion Post newspaper. He tossed an anchor overboard to mark the spot and pledged to Rachel, his wife of three months, that he would find it. An initial search three months after the loss failed, but Taumoepeau was determined. He returned again recently for another dive and spotted the anchor—with the ring lying just inches away.

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World

Wave of blasts in Iraqi capital kills at least 95

BAGHDAD (AP)—Nearly simultaneous truck bombs struck Iraq’s Foreign and Finance ministries Wednesday as a wave of explosions killed at least 95 people, bringing the weaknesses of Iraqi security forces into sharp focus less than two months after U.S. forces withdrew from urban areas.

It was the deadliest day of coordinated bombings since Feb. 1, 2008, when two suicide bombers killed 109 people at pet markets in Baghdad. More than 400 were wounded in Wednesday’s blasts.

The new American role was on sharp display as the military said it responded to onsite requests from Iraqi commanders for assistance, providing intelligence to help guide rescue crews and deploying explosives experts to clear areas of potential bombs.

U.S. transition teams assisted with security cordons and medics helped the wounded. Helicopters buzzed overhead.

“We helped the victims when and where we could, in accordance with our Iraqi allies’ requests,” said Lt. Col. Philip

Smith, a spokesman for U.S. forces in Baghdad.

The extent of the carnage shocked the Shiite-led government and dealt a devastating blow to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki’s efforts to return Baghdad to normal and reinforce his chances in parliamentary elections in January.

Al-Maliki blamed Sunni insurgents linked to al-Qaida in Iraq and said the attacks were designed to foil plans to open streets and remove concrete blast walls from Baghdad’s

main roads by mid-September.

He said the Iraqi government must reassess security measures—the first government acknowledgment that his moves may have been premature so soon after U.S. troops left the cities at the end of June.

“The criminal acts that took place today require us to re-evaluate our plans and security mechanisms in order to confront the terrorist challenges and to increase cooperation between security forces and the Iraqi people,” he added in a departure



AP
Men stand near destroyed vehicles after a car bomb explosion near the Finance Ministry in northern Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009.

from his usual calls on the public to hold steady in the face of an escalation of attacks.


He said an alliance of al-Qaida in Iraq and Saddam Hussein loyalists was behind the attacks, and that the government has placed Iraq’s army and police forces on high alert.

The violence began when a suicide truck bomber took aim at the Finance Ministry complex in northern Baghdad, causing part of a nearby overpass to collapse. A female employee emerged from the building after the blast in an apparent state of shock, her clothes stained with blood.

Hospital officials said at least 28 people were killed and 117 wounded in that blast.

Minutes later, a truck bomb exploded outside the Foreign Ministry, charring dozens of cars in a parking lot and shattering the facade of the white, 10-story building located near the Green Zone.

The massive blast left a 30-by-15-foot crater and knocked down part of the concrete wall surrounding the ministry’s perimeter, killing at least 59 people and wounding 250.



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**SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE
AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER (ATCT)
PROJECT NO. RFP-005-09**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for Preventive Maintenance of the Air Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) at the Saipan International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The scope of work entails providing monthly maintenance services for the Tower, the Base Building and its surroundings. The detailed scope of work will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building on Friday, July 31, 2009. Proposers must submit all required documents listed in the scope of work. All responses to this RFP shall also take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded the contract for the project, including excise tax.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Preventive Maintenance of the Air Traffic Control Tower at the Saipan International Airport”. One original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a proposal bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Copies of approved surety companies and the bid bond form may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.

Contractor will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA’s requirements. These requirements apply to contracts where the Consultant provides designated professional services to the Authority; i.e. appraisers, architects, equipment maintenance, messengers, construction managers, etc. and the total contract price is less than \$250,000. Copies of the insurance requirements may be obtained with the scope of work at the office of the Executive Director.


The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EDWARD B. MENDIOLA
Acting Executive Director

Date: July 28, 2009



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**General Maintenance/Improvements to Lighting Fixtures
Saipan Commercial Port
CPA Project No. CPA-SS-003-09**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the general maintenance/improvements to 117 light fixtures on thirteen (13) light poles, located along the ocean front of the dock at Saipan Seaport.

A detailed scope of work is available at the office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. The proposals shall include the following:

- Letter of Interest;
- Project timeframe;
- Available resources to accomplish project;
- Cost Proposal (in itemized scope of work format);
- Valid CNMI Business License; and
- Proof of insurance.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **“Proposal for the General Maintenance/Improvements to Lighting Fixtures at the Saipan Commercial Port”**. The proposal must be submitted no later than **Monday, August 24, 2009, 4:30 p.m.**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a bid bond issued by a CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier’s check in the amount no less than ten percent (10%) of the total proposal amount. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.


This procurement is made in accordance with the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations Section 3.6. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest.

All proposals shall become property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MR. EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director/Contracting Officer

Date: August 6, 2009




**Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS LICENSING BOARD**
P.O. Box 502078, #1242 Pohnpei Ct.
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950
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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 3:00pm on Saipan. The meeting will be held at Conference Room #1 at the Dr. Jose T. Villagomez Center for Public Health and Dialysis Center, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

- Meeting Call to Order
- Determination of Quorum
- Review and Adoption of Agenda
- Review and Adoption of Minutes
- Chairperson’s Report
- Director’s Report
- Investigator’s Report
- Communications from the Governor’s Office & Legislature
 - A. Governor’s Office
 - B. Legislature
- Old Business:
 - A. HCPLB Draft Regulations
- New Business:
 - A. PA – Prescription of Controlled Substances
- Applications for Board’s Review
 - A. New/Renewal Applications
 - B. Pending Applications
 - A. Dr. George Macris - Renewal
- Miscellaneous Business:
- Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with counsel with pending or anticipated legal matters.
 - A. Dr. Gary Ramsey
 - B. Dr. Larry Hocog
- Announcements
- Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Dr. Janet McCullough
Chairperson



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
For the Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units
at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and
CPA Saipan Seaport Building
Project No. RFP-006-09

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals from qualified air-conditioning and refrigeration companies for service and preventive maintenance of the air-conditioning units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport and the CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope of Work is available for pick up at the CPA Administration Office, Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, telephone number (670) 237-6500. A pre-proposal meeting and on-site visit is mandatory and to be conducted on Friday, August 28, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Only contractors present at the pre-proposal meeting and on-site inspection of the units will be allowed to submit proposals.

The term of the Service and Preventive Maintenance Services contract shall be for one (1) year. Performance and payment bonds will be required for this project and the cost of acquiring the bonds should be included in the proposed price.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: “Proposal for the Service and Preventive Maintenance of the Air-Conditioning Units at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport/CPA Saipan Seaport Building, Project No. RFP-006-09.” Associated costs for the airport and seaport buildings should be submitted together but as separate proposals. Determination of the winning proposal will be based on the overall price for both airport and seaport.


All proposals shall be submitted no later than **4:30 p.m.** local time, **Friday, September 11, 2009**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

The successful proposer will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CPA Procurement Regulations.


CPA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA’s best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA’s best interest. All proposals shall become the property of CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ EFRAIN F. CAMACHO, P.E.
Executive Director



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INVITATION FOR BID
NMHC IFB09-003

PURCHASE OF PACIFIC AND ADULT MATERIALS FOR THE TINIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors through its Chairwoman of the Board is soliciting competitive sealed bids from interested vendors for the purchase of Pacific and Adult Materials for the Tinian Public Library.

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Central Office in Garapan, Saipan during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday except CNMI Holidays.

Sealed bids must be marked **“NMHC IFB09-003”**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, Mariana Islands 96950, not later than **10:00 a.m., local time, September 4, 2009**.

Bids received after the date and time will not be accepted. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Friday, September 4, 2009, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and three (3) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 4, 2009**, and must be received at Procurement and Supply no later than **September 17, 2009**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **8:00 a.m.** local time, **September 18, 2009**. However, if no notice of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m.** local time on **September 4, 2009**.

Bidding procedures shall be in compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, however, Article 7, “Local Business Preference”, as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available because its use is prohibited by the Federal law granting the funding for this procurement. This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) provided to the Commonwealth. This project is also subject to Section 3 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1968 which requires recipients of HUD funds to help insure that the economic opportunities generated by these HUD funds are provided to local low-income residents and the businesses that serve them “to the maximum extent feasible.”

NMHC further notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contracts entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and women-owned business enterprises (MBE/WBE) are afforded equal opportunity to submit bids and will not be discriminated against on grounds of race, color, religion, gender, age, disability or national origin.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any defects in the said proposals, if in the sole opinion of NMHC, to do so would be in its best interest. All proposals will become the property of the Government.

/s/ Merced (Marcie) M. Tomokane
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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INVITATION FOR BID
NMHC IFB09-004

OFFICE SPACE FOR NMHC IN ROTA

OPENING DATE OF BID: Thursday, September 10, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, and the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors through its Chairwoman of the Board, are soliciting competitive sealed bids from interested owners of commercial buildings in Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Interested individuals or firms may pick up the Scope of Work at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, or at the Field Office in Songsong Village, Rota, during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday except CNMI holidays. Inquiries may be directed to Edith C. Fejeran, Office Manager, at telephone nos. 670.234-6866/7689 during regular business hours or Mark Manglona, Rota Field Office Representative, at 670.532-9410.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal in the best interest of the NMHC and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Merced (Marcie) M. Tomokane
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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WORLD BRIEFS

Germany jumps in the race for viable electric car

BERLIN (AP)—Forget that they’re cramped, have a limited driving range and outstrip the average consumer’s pocketbook. The race is on to create a viable electric car. Germany—home to brands including Volkswagen, Porsche and BMW—became the latest country to fast track development of electric cars, the government approving a plan Wednesday that aims to put 1 million of them on the road by 2020. The goal is ambitious. Of the 41 million cars in the country, only 1,452 are electric, and Germany is entering an increasingly congested field. This month alone, Nissan Motor Co. in Japan unveiled the Leaf, an electric car scheduled to go into mass production for a global market in 2012. General Motors touted triple-digit mileage figures for its rechargeable Chevrolet Volt.

Decision in Lockerbie case Thursday

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)—A decision has been reached in the case of Lockerbie bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi and will be announced Thursday, the Scottish government said. British news networks reported that he would be released on compassionate grounds. Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill said he had informed the families of the victims that he had come to a decision about what to do with the terminally ill al-Megrahi and would make a formal announcement Thursday afternoon in Edinburgh, the Scottish capital. Sky News television reported Wednesday that al-Megrahi will be released from prison on compassionate grounds.

Hurricane Bill fierce as Category 4 in Atlantic

MIAMI (AP)—Hurricane Bill howled over the open Atlantic as a fierce Category 4 storm Wednesday, and it could be energized by warmer waters as it moves north. Forecasters said Bill should begin pushing large swells toward Bermuda and parts of the southeastern U.S. coast by the weekend, but it wasn’t yet clear how close the storm will come to land. Richard Pasch, a senior hurricane specialist at National Hurricane Center said computer models continue to keep the storm’s path away from the eastern coast of the United States. The hurricane center did say people in the Leeward Islands

should keep an eye on the storm, though its core was expected to pass well to the northeast of the chain in the next day.

Ferry sinks in northern Mozambique; 17 feared dead

MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP)—Mozambique’s government says an overcrowded ferry went down off the coast in a northern province, and 17 people are feared drowned. Government spokesman Abudo Momade says the ferry with a capacity of 40 set off from Niassa province in the southeastern African nation with 50 people early Tuesday. After it sank, 26 passengers were rescued. So far, seven bodies have been recovered and the remaining 17 are feared drowned.

Egypt: Russian divers survive after swimming miles

HURGHADA, Egypt (AP)—Four Russian scuba divers who were swept away by strong currents in the shark-infested waters off southern Egypt were found alive Tuesday after they managed to swim miles back to shore, said a tourism official. The four went missing Monday after a dive in the Red Sea near Marsa Alam, one of Egypt’s top diving locations. They were found Tuesday at a tourist

village in al-Quseir, north of Marsa Alam, said Ehab Taher, director of the scuba diving tourism office in the Red Sea port of Hurghada. One of the divers, Vitaly Ivanov, told The Associated Press that he swam some 12 miles (20 kilometers) to make it back to shore. He spoke to the AP from a hospital in al-Quseir, where he was recovering from his ordeal. Ivanov was found Tuesday morning, and the others later in the day, said Taher.

Peres: Russia to reconsider missile sale to Iran

MOSCOW (AP)—Israeli President Shimon Peres said Wednesday that the Kremlin has promised to reconsider the planned delivery of powerful air defense missiles to Iran. Russian President Dmitry Medvedev made the pledge during their talks Tuesday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Peres said. “President Medvedev gave a promise he will reconsider the sales of S-300s because it affects the delicate balance which exists in the Middle East,” Peres told reporters via video link from Sochi. A Russian official familiar with the talks confirmed that Peres raised the issue, “but no specific contracts or obligations of Russian organizations concerning supplies to Iran of military equipment came under discussion on the presidential level,” the official said.



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP09-DOC-141

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 09, 2009 • TIME: 4:00 P.M.

**“TO PROVIDE DATA SAMPLING, DETAILED DATA ANALYSIS, QUESTION-
AIRE DESIGN, PRODUCTION OF DATA INPUT TEMPLATES, DATA
EDITING/ANALYZING AND WRITING OF DATA SUMMARIES A PROJECT
UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE”**

THE RFP PACKAGE MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCURE-
MENT AND SUPPLY IN LOWERBASE, SAIPAN DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO MR. MICHAEL
ADA, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE VIA E-MAIL TO depcommerce.ada@gmail.com OR FAX
TO (670) 664-3067 NO LATER THAN **4:30 P.M., LOCAL TIME, AUGUST 31, 2009.**

**THIS IS FEDERALLY FUNDED PROJECT; AS SUCH, LOCAL PREFERENCE IS NOT
AVAILABLE, BECAUSE ITS USE IS PROHIBITED BY FEDERAL LAW GRANTING
FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT.**

/s/ **MICHAEL ADA**
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, P&S



**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP09-DPL-134

SUBMISSION: SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 • TIME: 2:00 P.M.

**“RESEARCH AND SURVEYS FOR LOT TD-355, ISLAND OF ROTA, CNMI
AND ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS SURROUNDING LOT TD-355 FOR
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS”**

THE SCOPE OF WORK FOR THIS PROJECT MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC LANDS, DIVISION OF PLANNING OFFICE, CONTACT NUMBER (670) 234-3751/2/3.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP MAY BE FAXED TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS
SECRETARY, JOHN S. DEL ROSARIO AT (670) 234-3755 **NO LATER THAN CLOSE OF
BUSINESS, SEPTEMBER 08, 2009.**

PREFERENCE IS AVAILABLE TO US CITIZENS OR PERMANENT RESIDENTS AS PER
PUBLIC LAW 15-95 AND AS FURTHER AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW 15-118 AND MUST
BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PROPOSAL IF PREFERRED IS CLAIMED.

/s/ **JOHN S. DEL ROSARIO**
SECRETARY OF PUBLIC LANDS

/s/ **HERMAN S. SABLAN**
Director, P&S



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC §9910 (a) and (b), the Commonwealth Election Commission, hereby give notice that the Commonwealth Election Commission will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill, Saipan. Additional information concerning this meeting is available at the Office of the Election Commission, 1313 Anatahan Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
a. Roll call
b. Adoption of agenda

II. Executive Director's Report

IV. New Business
a. CEC Regulations

III. Old Business
a. Ballot Layout

V. Miscellaneous

VI. Adjournment

/s/ **FRANCES M. SABLAN**
Chairwoman

(The Commission, pursuant to 1 CMC §9912, may vote to meet in executive session to consult legal counsel and discuss personnel matters.)

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, September 03, 2009 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Bldg., Saipan.

A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. Adoption of Minutes

5. Communications

B. Reports

1. Chairman

2. Secretary

3. Treasurer

4. Administrator

5. Committees

6. Legal Counsel

C. Public Comments

D. Permits/ Applications and related actions: review and decide

1. Conditional Use - Application #2009-1681, Pansy Inc.

2. Temporary Use - Application #2009-2477, Hayden Corporation

E. Old Business.

1. Tanapag Rezone - review and decide.

F. New Business

1. Beach Road Corridor Improvement Plan Grant Application

G. Executive (Closed) Session - Consult with Legal Counsel regarding pending or anticipated legal matters

H. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Victor Barrett, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Henry Hofschneider, Chairman

**Commonwealth Zoning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Date: August 25, 2009, Tuesday

Time: 6:00pm

Place: Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe

The Zoning Board will hold a public meeting to introduce the proposed Beach Road Corridor Improvement Plan. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Comments may be submitted orally or in writing at the meeting. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, August 26, 2009, or they may be submitted via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For more information, please contact Victor Barrett, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Chairman.



The House of Representatives
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
P.O. BOX 500586, SAIPAN, MP 96950

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

DATE: August 18, 2009 CONTACT: Representative Joseph C. Reyes
Telephone: (670) 664-8836
Facsimile: (670) 664-8838

The House Standing Committee on Commerce and Tourism would like to solicit comments from the general public on Senate Bill 16-60 “To enhance enforcement powers and authority under the Alcohol Beverage Control Act; and for other purposes”. Copies of the legislation may be obtained from the following places:

1. Request to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes

2. It may be viewed at www.camacho.cnmi.com under Legislative Bills, S.B. 16-60

3. Request for digital copy via email to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com

Members of the general public are encouraged to submit written testimony on or before August 31, 2009. To submit written testimony, please drop-off or fax to the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes (664-8838) or may be mailed to P.O. Box 500586 Saipan, MP 96950. You can also submit your digital copies to rep.jcreyes@gmail.com.

For additional information, you may contact the Office of Representative Joseph C. Reyes.

Rep. Joseph C. Reyes
Chairman

Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

11-foot python unexpected guest for Calif. family

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. (AP)—A Southern California family got a slithery surprise when an 11-foot python turned up in their front yard. Francisco Delgadillo, who lives near Lake Elsinore, says he was chatting with his sister on their porch Sunday night when he saw an enormous snake moving across the fenced yard. The first animal control officer who saw the size of the critter had to call for backup. Two officers then wrangled the 50-pound snake into a truck and took it to a shelter. Animal services spokesman John Welsh says the Burmese python’s presumed owner, a long-distance trucker, contacted the agency. Welsh says the owner entrusted his pet to his brother while he was away and the snake somehow escaped.

Dallas woman, 77, reunited with dog found in Fla.

MIAMI (AP)—A 77-year-old Dallas woman has been reunited with her dog after it mysteriously turned up in Florida. A Miami Beach club promoter

found Sunshine, a Yorkie mix, on a street corner and took her to the vet. A microchip traced the pooch to Jodi Head, more than 1,000 miles away in Texas. The two were reunited Monday at Miami International Airport, where Sunshine happily shook her tail and licked Head’s face. Head, a dermatology lab courier, says she’s amazed. For his help, Head gave \$200 to good Samaritan Micha Porat. He spent half of it getting papers for the pooch to fly home.

Fla. man pretends to be disabled in bizarre scam

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP)—A Florida woman was duped into changing diapers and providing care for a man she met through Craigslist who feigned disabilities. Turns out the man who hired Janet Schulte to look after an adult brother with diminished mental capacity was the same guy she bottle-fed and treated like a child for 3 months. Schulte said the worst thing is that authorities can’t go after the man because he appears not to have committed any crime. Though the man lied, he typically paid the agreed \$600 weekly for her services. Schulte said he never broke character, and on the phone always gave an excuse when she tried to meet his “brother.” She and her husband got suspicious and found the man out after

subtle behavior changes and a few late payments.

Cincinnati man arrested 146 times since 1998

CINCINNATI (AP)—Authorities said Bennie Crabtree is the most-arrested man in the county. Records show he has been arrested 146 times since 1998, when Hamilton County’s record-keeping system was updated. Veteran police officers said he was arrested many more times in the decades before that. Crabtree’s record includes criminal trespassing, disorderly conduct and theft. Police say he steals food and intrudes in places such as the University of Cincinnati, hospitals and businesses. He’s never done anything serious enough to be sent to prison. Because of jail overcrowding, he’s now often released hours after arrest. Police say the 61-year-old man has lived mostly on the streets and has some mental problems.

Police: Mass. woman hid 19 bags of crack in bra

QUINCY, Mass. (AP)—A woman was arrested after admitting to police that she hid 19 bags of crack cocaine in her bra. Sandra Sanborn was charged Sunday with possession of crack cocaine with intent to distribute following a tip to Quincy’s police drug unit. Capt. John Dougan said when detectives approached the 33-year-old woman at a Quincy building, she was holding a bag containing crack cocaine in her hand. Dougan said Sanborn then produced 19 more bags tucked away in her bra. Police seized the drugs, two cell phones and an SUV.

NM driving teacher charged with drunk driving

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—The owner of an Albuquerque driving school has been charged with driving while intoxicated after crashing his car. Police said the man was arrested Aug. 6 after he crashed his car in Rio Rancho. Police spokesman John Francis said when officers responded, the man had “an odor of intoxication on his breath; bloodshot, red watery

eyes; slurred speech.” A police report showed that the man failed field sobriety tests when he couldn’t walk in a straight line or recite the alphabet. Two breath analysis tests also showed that his blood-alcohol level was nearly four times the legal limit. The man faces charges of DWI and careless driving.

Wyo. man spots his SUV on way to report it stolen

GILLETTE, Wyo. (AP)—Authorities say a man was driving to the Gillette police station to report his Ford Bronco was stolen when he spotted the vehicle and confronted the driver. The driver fled, but police arrested a 16-year-old boy a short time later on suspicion of larceny. His name wasn’t released. Police claim the teen stole the SUV after leaving a hospital where his father had taken him for a drug test because he’d been given a misdemeanor citation for marijuana use. The Bronco’s owner, 19-year-old Anthony McRae, was headed to police headquarters Saturday when he saw the SUV, called 911 and then began following it. Police said the Bronco pulled over and the driver asked McRae why he was following him. When McRae told him, the driver jumped out and ran.

Falling fish shatters Ohio driver’s windshield

MARBLEHEAD, Ohio (AP)—A woman in Ohio is telling a fish story about one that got away—from a bird, and damaged her car. Authorities in northwest Ohio say the fish—a Lake Erie freshwater drum, known as a sheepshead—smashed a car windshield Tuesday when an eagle dropped its catch from a height of about 40 feet. Leighann Niles says the impact felt like a brick hitting her Toyota’s windshield. The woman from the Cleveland suburb of South Euclid was vacationing along the lake in Marblehead. Niles says she had thought herself lucky to escape damage in another animal encounter shortly before the fishy one. She says a truck hit a small bird, which struck her back passenger door and startled her 5-year-old daughter.



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Notice is hereby given that, according to the records maintained by the Commonwealth as of August 10, 2009, the following persons have overstayed the permission granted upon their entry to the Commonwealth for employment purposes. Persons in an overstay status are required to depart the Commonwealth immediately. Persons who depart the Commonwealth voluntarily are eligible to return; those who are deported are not eligible to return.

Permissions granted upon entry may have been extended or the entry status may be changed under a number of different provisions of the Commonwealth law, but all extensions and changes must be documented and the applicable fees paid. If the necessary applications and supporting document have not been correctly completed, filed, or recorded, a name may appear in overstay status although an extension may have been granted upon completion or recording of the necessary documentation.


If your name is on the list set out below and you have or should have a current status allowing you to be in the Commonwealth, please report to Dennis Cabrera, Division of Administrative Hearing Office, second floor, Afetña Square Building, San Antonio, Saipan, no later than August 28, 2009, to correct the records.

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ABRERA, MANUEL FERRER	299698
AGUJA, BENJAMIN A	129735
ALI, MD ROJAB	113375
ALMOJELA, EFREN CASOL	297698
ARANCES, ANA LIZA BUNANE	310726
ARAYATA, BONAFAE E	143603
ASCANO, JOEMARIE M	128625
ASIA, MARKLY SILVANO	291144
BALITAAAN, VENANCIO C	137339
BRAVO, TEODOSIO SAPASAP	310228
BRILLO, ELMER R	138531
CAACBAY, JUANITA GANITNIT	111917
CABRADILLA, CARMEN Q	114706
CACABELOS, FERNANDO L	299193
CAI, NAN REN	291444
CALUYA, ROGELIO GUARDA	294009
CAMACHO JR, DIONISIO A	131253
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CHEN, CHUN FANG	170418
CHENG, XINFENG	310008
CONSUL, DECOROSO R	126766
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CUNAN, NOFRIDO M	141921
DECHA, PHANTHIP	292028
DEL ROSARIO, RICARDO G.	125325
DELA ROSA, ROSALIE JAYAWON	299009
EDPAO, NELSON C	119252
EGUIA, CARLITO E	113716
ESTILLORE, JOSEPHINE T	124939
FALALIMPA, MARIEL M	112628
FALLER, LOIDA DE JESUS	295505
FELICIDARIO, RUBEN E	148005
FENG, SHAOTAI	155060
GU, LI PING	138399
GUCILATAR, PEDRO RUTAS	174214
GUEVARRA, ALEXANDER A	107628
HAN, LIANHUA	170688
HAN, WEINU	194935
HERNANDEZ, ANA MARIA C	129416
HORNEJAS, ERWIN T	124716
HUA, LI RONG	286128
HUANG, GUANGLIANG	141257
HUANG, ZHAOTONG	172961
HUANG, ZHENSHUANG	173852
ISIP, KEITH G	119758
JABINAR, EDGARDO A	148697
JEUNG, CHA GEE	288719
JIN, JIHONG	194187
JO, MIN	201684
KWON, MESUN	312583
LAGARTOS, TEOFILO CUYUG	121853
LAURELES, EVELINDA G	123336
LAZAGA, FRANCISCO S	142784
LI, QINGFENG	289583

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LIJUAN, ZHANG	310034
LIN, JIE	189998
LIU, MEIYING	297883
LIU, YUE	299952
LIYING, MA	310037
LLAMADO, ARSENIA A	128841
LOYOLA, LAURO V	115576
MA, LINGLING	310561
MAMARIL, ALMA AGBUYA	182585
MANALOTO, AUGUSTO PASIGNA	185322
MEJIA, DANTE F	310793
MENDOZA, LEA B	128705
MICHAEL, BIGYAN B	313184
MILLARE, BERNADETH MESA	293438
MIRAM, ROLAND MORENO	284243
MORILLA, MARIO T	153684
MUGOL, MAURITO S	138257
NAILON, ALMA SANCHEZ	205874
ODICTA, JERALYN OLPINDO	293236
PARDIALES, ILLUMINADA P	131960
PASICOLAN, ANTHONY BATALLONES	297131
PRATHUMMET, THONGSEE	113533
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RANCE, LEANDRO G	142779
RAZZAK, ABDUR	144651
REDITA, LEDON CANTOR	296139
SACDALAN III, ARMANDO JAVIER	291567
SANAS, ROMILYN MALIGALIG	313000
SANTOS, JOCELYN UMAGUING	310727
SHANG, YULIAN	310775
SHAO, LIHONG	163246
SHEN, LIANGANG	302096
SHIBASAKI, NORIKO	312581
SUELA, FERDINAND A	138059
TABUZO, CHARLEY M	116022
TAI, XING YU	184514
TOBONGBANUA, ANALYN NAMIA	293676
TOCA, ROLEX LIM	283915
TRINIDAD, ROGELIO O	176002
TUMALAD, ARSENIO JR TORIANO	284913
TUMLOS, MA JEEYRIN DEJERO	161045
VALEROS, JUANITA A	136689
WANG, HONG	173819
WANG, MAIFEN	170148
WANG, XIAOPING	172101
XU, JINHUA	195360
XUE, CHUNLAN	313659
YANG, HAN JU	118363
YU, JIAN CHUN	142280
ZHANG, JINGER	199401
ZHANG, LIPING	310541
ZHANG, YIN	310553
ZHONG, GUAN PEI	108666



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MEAL PROGRAM
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The School Breakfast and Lunch Meal Program provide healthy, nutritious meals with all the food components to make a complete meal. A nominal meal of \$.50 per breakfast and \$.75 pre lunch will be charged at schools participating in the School Meal Program for meals when school reconvenes. This a reduced price made available through federal grants.

Children from families that are below or meet federal guidelines are eligible for one free breakfast meal one free lunch meal everyday as the school is in session. An example of income eligibility using the federal free meal income table: A household with two children and two adults are considered a household of four persons and thus will qualify if combined monthly income is \$2,794.00 or less.

Applications to receive free meals are available at the schools and the PSS Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) office located on Saipan: 3rd floor, Retirement Building, Capitol Hill; on Tinian: Tinian Elementary School, and Rota: Rota Jr. High School. Parents should fill out an application, provide supporting documents and return it to PSS FNS office or at the school office where their child/children attends if the parents think they may qualify and wishes for their child/children to receive free meals. Application cannot be approved unless a complete application and all supporting documents are submitted. Applications must be submitted every school year regardless if your child/children was/were receiving free meals in the previous years. **Children who received free meals last year have 30 days from the first day of school to submit applications and are eligible for free meals during this 30 day grace period.**

Families whose children are currently receiving assistance from the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) will qualify for the School Meals Program but still need to complete an application yearly. However, please be informed that the PSS – FNS conducts a direct certification with the NAP to ensure your children are in the program. If not all children are receiving food stamp, you must provide income sources (2 recent check stubs, SSI, retirement pension, etc). Completed applications will be processed within ten working days upon receipt. The PSS FNS office will notify you of your application approval or denial. The food services management company vendors will be provided a confidential list of students qualified for free meals.

Applications may be verified or reviewed at any time during the school year. Households receiving free meal benefits must notify PSS FNS office during the school year of any decrease in household size and/or any increase in income over \$50 per month or termination of NAP benefits. **Households may apply for free meal benefits any time during the school year as circumstances change such as in cases of unemployment.**

In certain cases, foster children are eligible for free meals regardless of household income. If you have such children living with you and you wish to apply for such meals for them, please contact the PSS FNS office.

All applicants who are denied benefits have the right to request a conference to discuss the situation, present information and obtain an explanation of the submitted application or a decision rendered. Applicants may also appeal this decisions by contacting the PSS FNS office.

The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 237-3033/3060/3055/3088 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105 or fax 433-0455, Rota: 237-4046/4047 or fax 532-4020. Please feel free to call us if you would like to get more information on the free meal program.

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/s/ Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D.
Commissioner of Education

/s/ Peter James Le’au
Acting Associate Commissioner
for Administrative Services

Science & Technology

Who's that girl? Facebook entries stir jealousy

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP)—Alice Connors-Kellgren was surprised by her boyfriend's new Facebook profile picture a few weeks ago: He was kissing another girl on the cheek.

The picture was up only briefly. And she figures it was just a friend. But she plans to discuss it with him when they're back together this fall at Cornell University.

"We trust each other. Deep down, I know nothing is going on. But when you first see it, it's

like 'Oh my goodness! What's going on here?'" says the college student from Westchester County, N.Y.

All this friending, poking and picture-posting on Facebook can get you in trouble with your significant other. Couples are finding that old flames and flirty friends on the social networking site have a unique ability to stir jealousy and suspicion.

Jealous types now have to deal with brand-new kinds of provocations, such as a com-

ment on their partner's wall from a possible romantic rival, or their loved one getting tagged—identified—in a picture from an old relationship. Boyfriends and girlfriends can view all of this on their partners' walls.

"It seems like Facebook is creating jealousy even where there was not jealousy to begin with," said Amy Muise, a doctoral candidate at the University of Guelph's psychology department who led a recent study on how Facebook can spark jeal-

ousy in romantic relationships among college students.

She said Facebook doesn't necessarily make people more jealous than they would be normally. But all the information divulged on Facebook—those answers to "What's on your mind?" and reactions to those posts—can increase "triggers" for jealousy.

"Part of the issue with information on Facebook is that it lacks certain context," Muise said, "so there could be things posted on your partner's wall that you really don't know what it means."

The study was based on

anonymous online survey data from 308 undergraduate Facebook users, three quarters of them women. The study, published in *CyberPsychology & Behavior*, found Facebook users can get snagged in a "feedback loop": Their interest piqued by a cryptic wall comment, they become suspicious and start monitoring their partner's pages, thus finding even more suspicious information.

Dan Fitzsimmons, a 21-year-old University at Albany student, said he has had to explain Facebook photos to girlfriends in the past.

Samantha Siciliano, an incoming freshman at Quinnipiac University from North Adams, Mass., said she has become jealous over the back-and-forth on her old boyfriend's wall, especially from too-friendly comments like "You look cute."

"If your boyfriend is calling or texting another girl, you can't really see it. But on Facebook, you can see it and so can everyone else," Siciliano said. "So in a way, you do get jealous because he might be hanging his dirty laundry, and not only are you seeing it, but other people are, too."

Microsofties' side project seeks new Office ideas

SEATTLE (AP)—Have a gripe about Office? A couple of guys at Microsoft Corp. want to hear it directly.

"Make Office Better" is an unofficial project launched by an Office product planner and a Windows software tester at Microsoft.

Individuals submit ideas and weigh in on whether they like the ideas submitted by others. Topics that resonate most with the crowd should get the most "me, too" votes and rise to the top.

It's similar to the approach taken by the news aggregator site digg.com and the IdeaStorm product-suggestion site run by PC maker Dell Inc.

After a few weeks online, Make Office Better has racked up about 750 ideas, but only about 150 of them got 10 votes or more.

One particularly passionate user made at least eight separate submissions to "Ditch the Ribbon," referring to the new user interface introduced with Office 2007.

The leading suggestion, to change the way the Outlook e-mail program handles Web-page-style e-mails, was posted by one of the project's founders, Steve Zaske.

Many of the ideas are highly technical. Some reveal nostalgia for features in WordPerfect, which was overtaken as the top word processing program by Microsoft Office years ago. Others argue for more compatibility with OpenOffice, a free set of competing programs.

And some are just way out there, like one request to turn Microsoft Word into a way to self-publish and sell electronic books, with Microsoft taking a cut.

Microsoft isn't commenting on the site or promising to review any of the ideas, although Zaske and co-founder Luke Foust say they'll try to get the top suggestions onto the Office team's radar. And the software maker already has other ways of seeking input from Office users, some built right into the software itself.

HELP FILE

By **ROB PEGORARO**
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Q: Ever since I upgraded to Firefox 3.5, downloads from the Web have stopped working for me.

A: This is a problem with the "ForceField" component of Check Point Software Technology's ZoneAlarm security suite.

This feature runs your browser in a virtualized, secure compartment to stop Web threats from harming the rest of your computer. But in the new 3.5 version of Mozilla Firefox, users have reported that Web downloads lose their file names and extensions and become "unknown," unusable files.

Until ForceField gets a bug fix, you can retype the file's original name and extension in ForceField's "save as" dialog, or you can use the "Open

Unprotected Browser" command in the ForceField browser toolbar's menu to open a new window outside ForceField's security. Or you can disable ForceField from the main ZoneAlarm window.

Some people have adopted a more drastic remedy, uninstalling the new Firefox to revert to the old 3.0.12 release. I don't recommend that, as 3.5 represents a notable step up in capability.

Q: How do I exclude a site from Web search results?

A: Type your query, then add "-site:example.com" (replacing example.com with the .com.org., edu, etc., domain name of the site you want to avoid).

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of

Soledad Takai Tenorio
"Daidai"

We cordially invite all our relatives, friends and business associates to join us in prayers for our beloved mother and grandmother on the First Anniversary of her death.

Nightly rosary will be prayed at Mount Carmel Cathedral beginning on Saturday, August 15, 2009 through Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 7:00PM.

Mass of Intention will be celebrated at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 4:00PM on Monday, August 24, 2009. Dinner will be served immediately after the service at Joeten Daidai Social Hall.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Annie T./Jesus R. Sablan & Family
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Life & Style

Don Hewitt, who invented '60 Minutes,' dies at 86



In this 1992 photo released by CBS, "60 Minutes" producer Don Hewitt, left, speaks with Democratic presidential candidate Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton and his wife Hillary Rodham Clinton, after lights fell during an interview with the couple.

NEW YORK (AP)—Don Hewitt, a TV news pioneer who created "60 Minutes" and produced the popular CBS newsmagazine for 36 years, died Wednesday. He was 86.

He died of pancreatic cancer at his Bridgehampton home, CBS said. His death came a month after that of fellow CBS legend Walter Cronkite.

Hewitt joined CBS News in television's infancy in 1948, and produced the first televised presidential debate in 1960.

His lasting legacy took shape in the late 1960s when CBS agreed to try his idea of a one-hour broadcast that mixed hard news and feature stories. The television newsmagazine was born on Sept. 24, 1968, when the "60 Minutes" stopwatch began ticking.

He dreamed of a television version of Life, the dominant maga-

zine of the mid-20th century, where interviews with entertainers could co-exist with investigations that exposed corporate malfeasance.

"The formula is simple," he wrote in a memoir in 2001, "and it's reduced to four words every kid in the world knows: Tell me a story. It's that easy."

Hard-driven reporter Mike Wallace, Hewitt's first hire, became the journalist those in power did not want on their doorsteps. Harry Reasoner, Morley Safer, Ed Bradley, Steve Kroft, Diane Sawyer and Dan Rather were among others who also reported for the show.

"60 Minutes" won 73 Emmys, 13 DuPont/Columbia University Awards and nine Peabody Awards during Hewitt's stewardship, which ended in 2004.

It was television journalism's best show ever, said CBS Corp. chief ex-

ecutive Leslie Moonves. "To me, the creation of '60 Minutes' was truly genius," he said.

As a television executive, Moonves could take comfort in scheduling a Sunday evening fixture that finished among Nielsen's top 10 for 23 straight years. It was television's top-rated show four times, most recently in 1992-93, while no longer a regular in the top 10 in Hewitt's later years, it was still TV's most popular newsmagazine.

Infectiously enthusiastic, Hewitt would pepper Moonves with ideas about both news and entertainment. He often joked that out of 100, about 95 would end up in the wastebasket. But some were inspired.

Hewitt treated every new story with the excitement of a cub reporter, said Sawyer, now at ABC News. He once forced her to crawl under a table and

out of the room at a fancy dinner party to deliver a scoop—on radio at midnight, she said.

Hewitt often said the accepted wisdom for television news writers before "60 Minutes" was to put words to pictures. He believed that was backward.

"Had he not been a television news producer, I think he would have been a circus ringmaster," CBS News

"Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer said. "Just this great showman. Don Hewitt understood that to tell the news, to get people to understand what they need to know about, you have to get them into the tent."

He recalled Hewitt saying how "60 Minute" tip-toes to the edge between news and show business, "and I know right were that edge is."

Reality TV contestant sought in ex-model's death

BUENA PARK, Calif. (AP)—Ryan Alexander Jenkins was fulfilling his dream of becoming a star, with a small fortune stowed away, a marriage—albeit brief—to a former model, and two gigs in reality TV.

But his image was splashed on Web sites and TV news shows around the world Wednesday for another reason: He is wanted for questioning in the death of his former wife, whose nude body was found in a suitcase in a trash bin in Orange County over the weekend. The death of 28-year-old Jasmine Fiore followed a stormy relationship with Jenkins that seemed ready-made for the tabloids—complete with a quickie Las Vegas wedding that was followed by an annulment a few weeks later.

Police said Jenkins, 32, is a "person of interest" in her death, and may be heading for his native Canada. The victim's mother said Fiore and Jenkins had been fighting, and that he was jealous of her ex-boyfriends.

In addition, court records show that Jenkins has a criminal history in his hometown of Calgary, Canada. Jenkins was sentenced to 15 months of probation in January 2007 on an unspecified assault charge, according to the Alberta, Canada Ministry of Justice. No further details were available.

Fiore was last seen alive with Jenkins at a poker game in San Diego. Jenkins reported her missing Saturday night to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, police said.

"At this point, he's merely a person of interest, simply because of the suspiciousness of his disappearance. We can't find him," Buena Vista Lt. Gary Worral said.

"We find it suspicious that with all the media coverage that he has not made himself available to us," he said.

It's still not clear how Fiore died, although a preliminary coroner's report indicated she was strangled.

Jenkins, variously described as an architect, real estate developer and investment banker from Calgary, appeared in three episodes of the VH1 reality series "Megan Wants a Millionaire," about a woman seeking to land a wealthy bachelor by putting suitors through their paces, such as designing a marketing campaign for her pet chihuahua.

On the show, Jenkins was identified as an investment banker who had a couple million dollars.

Fiore and Jenkins met in March at a Las Vegas casino where Jenkins was partying after wrapping up "Millionaire," Lepore said. And in typical Las Vegas fashion, they got married there on March 18, according to a Clark



This undated photo released by the Buena Park Police Department shows Ryan Alexander Jenkins, of Calgary, Alberta.

County marriage certificate.

It was a spontaneous marriage, "right after they met, one of those wild things," Lepore said. But it soon went south.

In May, "they had a big blowout. She had the marriage annulled," she said.

"She didn't trust him because he was doing (things) behind her back," she said.

"He did everything that she asked him not to do," Lepore said. "She got furious." The mother declined, however, to say what the incident involved.

Jenkins then went to Mexico to do another reality TV show, but struggled to get Fiore back when he returned. It was not immediately clear which show he appeared on.

"He convinced her during that month that he was really the guy for her," Lepore said. "He wrote poems and stories, and prayed, and (claimed he) had this huge spiritual awakening."

Fiore was identified as a swimsuit model by police. She also worked for the Playboy organization about four years ago promoting its golfing events, spokeswoman Theresa Hennessey said. "She never posed in the magazine," she said.

However, her mother said Fiore gave up modeling about two years ago. She moved from Las Vegas to Los Angeles, obtained a real estate license and planned to become a broker, Lepore said. She was also about to open a gym and personal training business with a friend, her mother said.

She shut down her modeling Web site and legally changed her name to Kinkade to separate herself from the past, Lepore said. She had broken up in December or early this year with her fiancé, a wealthy real estate broker she had been seeing for about three years, Lepore said.

Phil Spector writes about life behind bars

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Music legend Phil Spector, in prison for the murder of actress Lana Clarkson, has been writing letters about his life behind bars—saying in a letter released Wednesday that he fears for his safety and would like to be moved to "a better prison."

Spector wrote to his friend Steve Escobar, a musician and music journalist, of his chagrin at being in the same prison as notorious murderers including Charles Manson and Sirhan Sirhan.

He said he is working with his attorneys "to get a better prison with people more like myself in it during the appeal process instead of all these lowlife scumbags, gangsters and Manson types....They'd kill you here for a 39-cent bag of soup!"

Spector, 69, said his spirits were up because his wife, Rachelle, has begun visiting him two days a week at the California Substance Abuse Treatment

Facility and State Prison at Corcoran. The prison is 400 miles from their Alhambra home, he said, and his wife has been driving back and forth each weekend.

"She's a real trouper," he said of his 29-year-old wife. "...All in all, it's like a dream come true having her by my side again."

Spector said his wife brings him packaged food so that he doesn't have to go to the dining hall with other inmates.

"I know it is a chance to get out of my cell going to the dining room but the less I see of the inmates, the better and safer I feel," he said. "Even though 24/7 lockdown in a 3' by 7' cell is very tough."

Spector, the difficult genius whose "Wall of Sound" production technique turned pop songs into mini-symphonies in the 1960s, was sentenced to a term of 19 years to life.

Clarkson, 40, was found shot through

the mouth at Spector's Alhambra mansion in February, 2003.

Spector's lawyers spent two trials arguing that Clarkson killed herself while battling depression. Prosecutors called witnesses to show that Clarkson was the last in a long line of women whom Spector threatened with guns.

In his heyday in the early and mid-1960s, Spector produced dozens of hits, including The Ronettes' "Be My Baby," The Crystals' "Da Doo Ron Ron" and The Righteous Brothers' classic, "You've Lost that Lovin' Feelin'." Spector also worked on the Beatles album "Let It Be" and John Lennon's album, "Imagine."

Spector's letters were released by Hal Lifson, a publicist working for Spector and his wife. Escobar, who lives in Northern California, said he has also received several phone calls from Spector since he went to prison.

Leno: Ready to become star-maker on new NBC show

BURBANK, Calif. (AP)—Jay Leno said he's looking forward to being a star-maker for young comedians on his new prime-time show.

"The Jay Leno Show," airing at 10 p.m. EDT weekdays starting Sept. 14, will include taped pieces from comics including Liz Feldman, Mikey Day and Rachael Harris, Leno told reporters Wednesday.

"I hope people become famous and get offered shows," Leno said. If he someday hears, "Jay, we're replacing you with the guy you discovered," that would be great, Leno said.

But it's not just men who will be spotlighted—or, as Leno put it, "a bunch of white

guys doing standup."

"I think we have a diverse group. It looks like America," he said, with women, African-Americans including D.L. Hughley, and other minorities.

Among the segments in production: Feldman teaching older people how to use Twitter, and Hughley suggesting bake sales and other fundraisers for California's fiscal woes.

It's a new approach to showcasing comedians who have been a staple on talk shows, Leno said. He recalled seeing their standup routines on "Tonight" as a youngster and then performing on the show when he was making his own name.

But within the last decade or so, he said, standup started to lose its "snap" on talk shows.

He'll still do a monologue to open the hour and other comedians will perform as well as he seeks to "mix it up" on his show, details of which were still being hashed out.

There will be a "10 at 10" feature, with "ridiculous, celebrity-based questions" for stars and newsmakers, Leno said.

His new studio is on the same lot where Leno hosted "Tonight" for 17 years, until Conan O'Brien took over in June.

"The Jay Leno Show" will debut with Jerry Seinfeld and a musical performance by Jay-Z, Rihanna and Kanye West.



In this Oct. 28, 2007 file photo, Television personality Jay Leno, left, and comedian Jerry Seinfeld laugh while arriving at the Los Angeles premiere of "Bee Movie," in the Westwood section of Los Angeles. AP

Unapproved TV spots land 'Survivor' Hatch in jail

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—The lawyer for "Survivor" winner Richard Hatch said Wednesday that her client was taken to jail because he granted two TV interviews without getting the required permission from the federal Bureau of Prisons.

Hatch had been serving the remainder of his prison term for tax evasion on home confinement at his sister's home in Rhode Island. He granted three television interviews this week—to NBC's "Today" show, NBC affiliate WJAR-TV and the NBC-owned "Access Hollywood."

In the interviews, Hatch accused the prosecutor of misconduct and said the judge in the case discriminated against him because he was gay.

The Bureau of Prisons would not comment on Hatch's case, but spokeswoman Traci Billingsley said prisoners on home confinement cannot grant interviews without first getting permission. Approval typically takes a few days, she said.

Hatch's lawyer, Cynthia Ribas, said she had thought the permission Hatch got extended to all NBC properties, but federal rules consider each media outlet separate. Ribas said a lawyer for the Bureau of Prisons told her Wednesday that it had given permission for the "Today" show interview, but not the other two.

"I think this is a little misunderstanding that really has to do



In a Jan. 24, 2006, file photo Richard Hatch, who won the first "Survivor" television program, departs federal court in Providence, R.I. AP

with the lawyer and the bureau and NBC's communications," she said.

All three interviews were filmed Monday at Hatch's sister's house in Newport, Ribas said. WJAR aired a small part of the interview Monday night, and more on Tuesday morning. The "Today" interview was aired Tuesday morning and the interview with "Access Hollywood" aired after Hatch was taken in by a sheriff's deputy Tuesday afternoon.

Ribas said she and Hatch went through an extensive process to get permission to do the "Today" interview. She said that months ago when Hatch was in a halfway house, she had asked the Bureau of Prisons for permission

to do four interviews, including with other TV networks, and they asked her to pare it down to one. Hatch chose NBC.

Ribas said the Bureau of Prisons then asked NBC to fill out paperwork to request permission for an interview. They got word last week that the interview was granted, she said.

Chris Lanni, content brand manager for WJAR-TV, the local NBC affiliate, said the station did not deal with the Bureau of Prisons, but arranged its interview through NBC Universal.

"We asked Hatch if he had permission, and he did," Lanni said.

Hatch also called in twice to a show on WPRO-AM on Tuesday. Ribas said the Bureau of Prisons lawyer did not address that interview when he told her why Hatch was taken in.

Hatch was being held at the Barnstable County jail in Massachusetts. Billingsley said prisoners who are jailed after breaking the rules of home confinement could be moved back to a prison, to a halfway house or returned to home confinement after a hearing with a disciplinary officer.

Hatch was convicted in 2006 of failing to pay taxes on the \$1 million he was awarded for winning the first season of the CBS reality show. He was given extra prison time for lying on the stand.

His term is scheduled to end Oct. 7.

Mendoza urges more support for Philippine indies

HONG KONG (AP)—Director Brillante Mendoza says he's grateful for a cash award from Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo after his best director win at the Cannes Film Festival in May, but urged his government to do more to support independent cinema.

"I'm thankful that she gave me a commendation and she gave me an award that could really help me in paying all my debts in post-production because I still have a lot to pay," Mendoza told CNN's Talk Asia program in an episode that aired Wednesday.

"But I was hoping for more

genuine support, not only from her but from the government because it's not easy for us filmmakers, especially independent filmmakers, to do these kinds of films and to fund our films," the 48-year-old former production designer added.

Mendoza received 1 million pesos (\$20,800) from Arroyo.

The Filipino filmmaker, who made his first movie in 2005, won best director honors at Cannes with "Kinatay," a dark drama about a poor police academy student whose side job draws him into a world of crime. "Kinatay" means

slaughter in Tagalog.

Mendoza also urged young filmmakers to honor their own culture and not get caught up in matching lavish Hollywood productions.

"We have our own identity as filmmakers from the Philippines, from a Third World country. And I think we should concentrate more on our stories because we have a lot of very interesting stories here in the Philippines," he said. "We don't have to be technically superb compared to Hollywood because we are not. I think what we have is the concept and the story."

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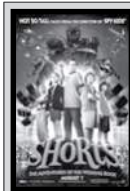
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Jimmy Bennett, Jake Short
 Children • Rated PG

Synopsis

Eleven-year-old Toe Thompson is the designated punching bag for the bullies of the suburban community of Black Falls, where his and everyone else's parents work for Black Box Industries, makers of the do-it-all gadget that's sweeping the nation. But during a freak storm, a mysterious Rainbow Rock, which grants wishes to anyone who finds it, falls from the sky. Suddenly, the neighborhood that Toe already thinks is weird is about to get a lot weirder.



Inglourious Basterds

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Sunday	1:00	4:00	7:00
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Brad Pitt, Diane Kruger
 Political • Rated R

Synopsis

In the first year of the German occupation of France, Shosanna Dreyfus witnesses the execution of her family at the hand of Nazi Colonel Hans Landa. Shosanna narrowly escapes and flees to Paris where she forges a new identity as the owner and operator of a cinema. Elsewhere in Europe, Lieutenant Aldo Raine organizes a group of Jewish American soldiers to perform swift, shocking acts of retribution. Later known to their enemy as "the basterds," Raine's squad joins German actress and undercover agent Bridget von Hammersmark on a mission to take down the leaders of the Third Reich.



District 9

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Saturday	1:10	4:05	7:10
Sunday	1:10	4:05	7:10
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Sharito Copley, Jason Cope
 Sci-Fi • Rated R

Synopsis

Thirty years ago, aliens made first contact with Earth. Humans waited for the hostile attack, or the giant advances in technology. Neither came. Instead, the aliens were refugees, the last survivors of their home world. The creatures were set up in a makeshift home in South Africa's District 9 as the world's nations argued over what to do with them. Now, patience over the alien situation has run out. Control over the aliens has been contracted out to Multi-National United, a private company uninterested in the aliens' welfare — they will receive tremendous profits if they can make the aliens' awesome weaponry work.



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Rachel McAdams, Eric Bana
 Drama, Romance, Sci-Fi • Rated PG 13



G.I. JOE

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Dennis Quaid, Channing Tatum
 War • Rated PG 13



G-Force

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Mon. thru Thurs.	4:15	7:30	

Nicolas Cage, Steve Buscemi
 Action, Animated • Rated PG



Aliens in the Attic

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 Adventure, Family • Rated PG

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Mistaken identity grows into an awkward problem

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I have an embarrassing dilemma. I have a baby with a man I am no longer with. Our romance ended before I knew I was pregnant. He is not in our lives anymore—his decision. I have moved on and am now in a solid, loving relationship.

My problem is my OB/GYN has always been under the impression that my child's biological father and I are together and that we're married. The father attended some of the obstetrical appointments with me and was even there for the birth.

When my doctor initially referred to him as "my husband," I didn't correct him because I didn't feel I needed to spill the beans about such a personal issue. But now when I go for my annual examinations, he always asks me how "my husband" is. I feel it's too late to say, "Oh, by the way, he was never my husband" since I didn't correct him to begin with.

I need a graceful way to finally tell my doctor that we were never married, especially since I am now involved with a different man whom I plan on marrying and will eventually have another child with. Please help me find the words.

STUCK—DOWN SOUTH

DEAR STUCK: Here are the words. The next time your doctor asks how your "husband" is, say: "We're no longer together." Period. No further explanation is necessary, and don't offer one.

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DEAR ABBY: We are hoping you can settle a small dispute. My husband and I have a soon-to-be 2-year-old. Her birthday is next month, and we will be celebrating at a local park with lots of kids from work and day care.

Is it OK to offer beer and wine to the parents? The park officials have no issue with it. There is an alcohol permit to sign, which includes no hard liquor and no drinks to be taken off premises. We will abide by park rules. We just want to know—is it OK to have alcohol at a child's birthday party? We will wait to see what you have to say.

PARTY PLANNER IN COLORADO

DEAR PARTY PLANNER: I see nothing positive to be gained by a group of parents drinking alcohol at a children's party. Alcohol dulls the senses, and besides, the purpose of the party is to see that the children have a good time. Rather than drinking and socializing, the parents should be concentrating on the kids, making sure they are entertained and closely supervised—particularly in an outdoor setting that may not be familiar to everyone.

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DEAR ABBY: Is it now acceptable to clip one's fingernails in the workplace?

I work in an office with cubicles, and I hear some of my co-workers (mainly men) clipping their nails! Isn't this a task that should be performed in one's bathroom at home? Am I the only person who thinks this is gross?

GROSSED OUT IN RICHMOND, TEXAS

DEAR GROSSED OUT: You are not the only person who finds it gross; I think it's "icky," too. And you are correct that personal grooming should be performed at home, before or after work. Because it bothers you, mention it to the office manager, explain how it makes you feel, and suggest that a company memo be sent out discouraging the practice.

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Dear Abby

Penn and Wright agree to division of property

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—Robin Wright and husband Sean Penn have already agreed on how they will divide property in their divorce, according to court records.

Wright, 43, filed for divorce Aug. 12 in San Rafael, Calif., citing irreconcilable differences with Penn, 49, her husband of more than a decade. The couple have agreed to share custody of their 16-year-old son Hopper Jack.

The couple also has an 18-year-old daughter, Dylan Francis.

Publicists for Wright and Penn didn't immediately return e-mails seeking comment Wednesday. A message for Wright's lawyer, Bruce Clemens, was also not immediately returned.

The couple, married in April 1996, have filed for separation or divorce twice before, only to dismiss their petitions.

Penn asked for separation as recently as April. But he later withdrew the petition, telling the New York Daily News the filing was "an arrogant mistake."

The couple met on the set of the 1990 Irish mob movie "State of Grace." Penn had previously married and divorced Madonna, and Wright was married once



In this Feb. 22, 2009 file photo, Robin Wright Penn, left, and Sean Penn arrive for the 81st Academy Awards in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

before to former soap star Dane Witherspoon.

They attended the Academy Awards together in February when Penn received an Oscar for his role in "Milk." But he

didn't thank Wright in his acceptance speech.

It was Penn's second Oscar. He had won previously for his role in "Mystic River."

Wright is best known for her

roles in "The Princess Bride" and "Forrest Gump."

The couple has been ordered to appear in court on Dec. 17 in the divorce case, according to court filings.

Booted 'Big Brother 11' contestant apologizes



In this undated publicity image released by CBS, "Big Brother" cast member Chima Simone, of West Hollywood, Calif., is shown.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Chima Simone is saying she's sorry—but not for getting kicked off "Big Brother 11."

The 33-year-old freelance journalist is apologizing for calling a houseguest of Lebanese descent a terrorist.

Last week, the show depicted Simone, who was kicked off the CBS reality series last Saturday for multiple rule violations that had nothing to do with the name calling, feuding with Lebanese-American mixed martial arts fighter Russell Kairouz.

At one point during the heated exchange, Simone said Kairouz was a "terrorist because you're terrorizing everybody in the house." Kairouz retaliated

by calling Simone, who is African-American, "the true racist." Fans watching the live Internet video feeds have reported that harsher words concerning the Sept. 11 attacks were also uttered by Simone.

"I used a phrase that was insensitive given his Middle Eastern descent, and I apologize to all who are justifiably offended with my use of that racially charged term," Simone wrote in an e-mail to Hollyscoop.com, the celebrity gossip Web site where Simone appeared in videos as a host and red carpet reporter before entering the "Big Brother 11" house.

This doesn't mean she's apologizing to Kairouz.

"Russell constantly demoralized many of us on a consistent basis and his conduct was alarming, daunting and terrifying," Simone wrote. "Fortunately, for me, I do not have to be subjected to those tirades anymore. I am going on with my life in the real world. I wish the remaining 'Big Brother' housemates the best of luck!"

Simone was expelled from "Big Brother 11" after refusing direct orders from producers to wear a microphone and then tossing it into the backyard's whirlpool spa. "Big Brother" executive producer Allison Grodner announced to the houseguests that Simone needed to be eliminated from the show for multiple rule violations.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Eva Longoria to act in Spanish in Mexican movie

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Actress Eva Longoria Parker is taking on a Spanish-speaking role for the first time in a Mexican film about kidnapping. Film producer Leopoldo Gout says Longoria Parker's character will be crucial to solving the mystery at the heart of the film, which is called "Day of Grace." Gout doesn't want to reveal any other details but says the "Desperate Housewives" actress "read the script and loved the characters and the story's depth." Gout told the Reforma newspaper that the movie is being filmed in Mexico City. Its release date is not yet known.

5 more rise on 'America's Got Talent'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Five more "America's Got Talent" acts are moving on. Jeffrey Ou, a pianist from Carrollton, Texas; Lawrence Beamen, a singer from Walnut Creek, Calif.; Mario and Jenny Ferreira, married jugglers from Las Vegas; Hairo Torres, a contortionist breakdancer from Grants Pass,

Ore.; and Footworkingz, a dance crew from Chicago learned Wednesday that they will compete in the NBC talent show's semifinals. All are vying for the \$1 million prize and the chance to headline a Las Vegas show in October. Viewers selected the top four favorites via phone, e-mail and text message votes while judges Piers Morgan, Sharon Osbourne and David Hasselhoff picked the fifth semifinalist. Last week, five acts other progressed to the semifinals.

Third episode of new season's 'Mad Men' leaks out

NEW YORK (AP)—AMC is hoping that some quick-to-react fans of "Mad Men" don't spoil some secrets. The third episode of the Emmy-winning drama's new season was briefly made available by mistake to holders of an iTunes Season Pass on Tuesday evening. The cable network's executives aren't sure how many people snapped up the episode—so far, they haven't seen it streaming online. Some details about the story appeared on the Gawker.com Web site. AMC asked people who did get the

episode to hold back from revealing details about it out of respect for fans who want to be surprised. The episode is scheduled to air Aug. 30. AMC says it is investigating how the episode went up on iTunes.

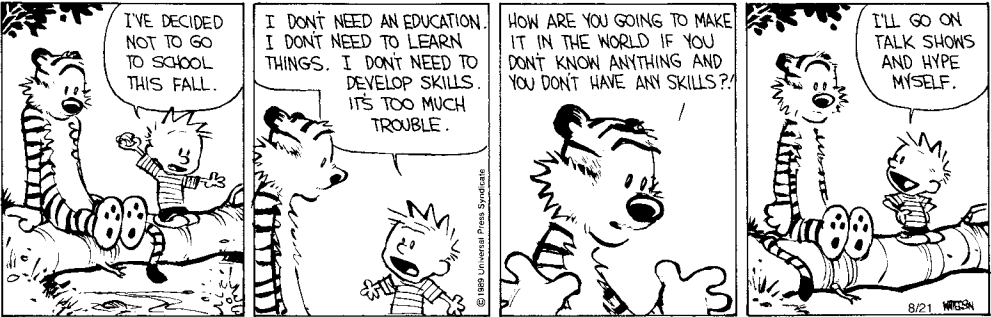
Billy Joel selling homes in posh Hamptons for \$35M

SAGAPONACK, N.Y. (AP)—Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Billy Joel is selling a pair of adjacent homes in the Hamptons for \$35 million after a split from third wife Katie Lee Joel. The bigger of the two homes once belonged to the late "Jaws" actor, Roy Scheider. Joel bought it for his newlywed wife in 2004. He also purchased a bungalow on adjacent property in 2007. Billy and Katie Lee Joel announced they were separating in June after five years of marriage. Real estate agent Bi-ana Stepanian says the larger home is selling for \$22.5 million and the bungalow is selling for \$12.5 million. The area near the eastern tip of Long Island is the summer home of some of the world's wealthiest business leaders and celebrities, including Steven Spielberg, Jerry Seinfeld and Paul Simon.

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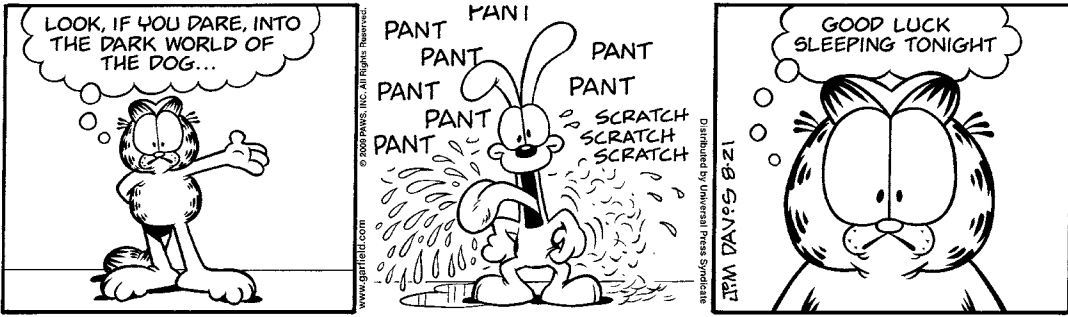
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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 8-21

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alicia Witt, 34; Carrie-Anne Moss, 42; Kim Cattrall, 53; Kenny Rogers, 71

Happy Birthday: Your long, hard struggle is slowly coming to an end. The time to start rethinking your plans for the future is now. Your ability to scale down has positioned you well, so call the shots and separate what's fact from what's fiction. Your astute assessment of whatever you face personally or professionally will give you the edge. Your numbers are 3, 12, 16, 25, 28, 33, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Bide your time and wait until the right moment to make your move. Personal problems will arise if you have neglected someone who counts on you emotionally. A change of heart or mind will lead to an unusual pursuit. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Nothing will go unnoticed so give your all to whatever you do. Now is the time to rethink your vocation strategy and make sure you are getting all that you deserve. Don't be afraid to ask for a raise or a better position. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be overly confident or you will be disappointed. Your charm will come from your curiosity and questioning, not telling everyone what you can do. Before things spin out of control, put your creative imagination to work and give praise where it's due. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): The emphasis should be on home, family and getting your personal life in order. A

couple of adjustments will make things easier. A partnership that was on shaky ground can now be dealt with. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make a concerted effort to finish what you start so you can get serious about what you want. Reassess your current financial situation honestly. Set up interviews, discussions and conversations with people who can offer you assistance. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll find it difficult to deal with emotional matters that concern a partner. Don't make sudden moves that can influence your financial or professional future. Focus on home, family and doing what's best for yourself. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let what's not being said get to you. Ignore the pettiness around you and focus on your own creative talent. You will find your way into a whole new realm of what really matters at the end of the day. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's what you do to help others that will show your strength, courage and ability to get things done. Instant success can be yours. A change in your personal status will lead you down a new and inspiring avenue. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone will be critical about what you've done and how you plan to proceed. You may have to make some changes in order to get what you want to do past the scrutiny. Don't promise what you cannot deliver. **

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is a deal to be made. Focus on home, family and personal investments and you will surpass your wildest dreams. Someone will not be pleased with your rules or your strategy but do your thing and don't look back. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You have to be honest before you can make a decision regarding love, life and relationships. Your aggressive action may pay off initially but, in the end, it will backfire. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be torn between the truth and the way you tell the story. Look at the facts before you put yourself in an awkward position. Love is in the stars and if you are upfront, kind and affectionate, you will get the results you are looking for. ***

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Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

JAMES MORRISON

Solution: 7 letters

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Lee stars in Phillies win over Diamondbacks



PHILADELPHIA

(AP) — Cliff Lee allowed just two hits, and carried a no-hit bid into the sixth inning, as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 8-1 in the National League on Wednesday.

Jayson Werth hit two solo homers, Ryan Howard hit a three-run shot and Chase Utley also connected for the NL East-leading Phillies, who have won seven of eight. Philadelphia (68-49) is a season-high 19 games over .500.

Lee (4-0) allowed an unearned run and tied a career high with 11 strikeouts to record his 12th career complete game and fifth this season.

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner has an 0.82 ERA and two complete games in four starts since coming to the Phillies in a trade with Cleveland.

Lee didn't allow a hit until pinch-hitter Chad Tracy lined a single to center with one out in the sixth.

Rockies 5, Nationals 4

At Washington, Carlos Gonzalez homered for the fourth straight game and Clint Barnes connected in his third in a row as Colorado beat Washington.

Gonzalez has homered in six of the last eight games. Before this stretch, he had six homers in 130 career games.

The NL wild card-leading Rockies (67-53) won despite leaving the bases loaded three times and improved to a season-high 14 games over .500.

Giants 1, Reds 0

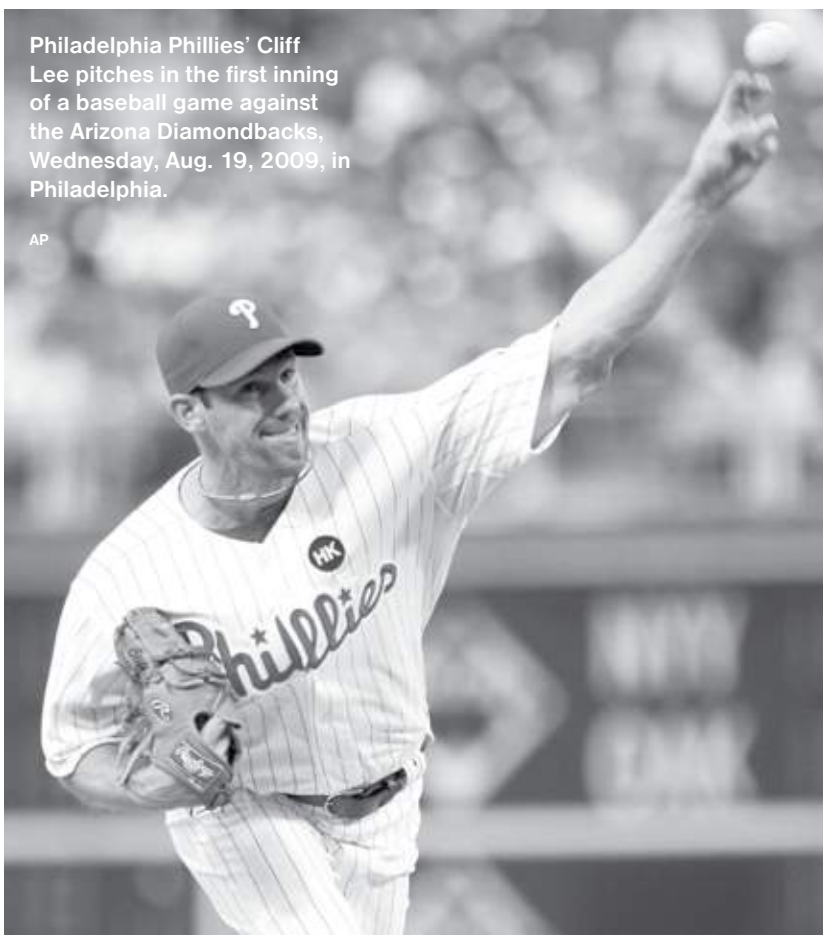
At Cincinnati, Nate Schierholtz's eighth-inning double drove in the game's only run as San Francisco downed Cincinnati.

Edgar Renteria singled with one out in the eighth and Schierholtz followed with his second double of the game, snapping Bronson Arroyo's streak of consecutive scoreless innings at 17. Arroyo (11-12), who pitched a two-hitter in Cincinnati's 7-0 win over Washington last Thursday, allowed nine hits in eight innings.

Braves 15, Mets 2

At New York, Brian McCann hit a three-run homer as part of Atlanta's eight-run second inning in a win over New York.

The Braves had a season-high seven hits in the inning. Five runs scored after Luis Castillo of the Mets failed to cover second on Garret Anderson's two-out grounder to shortstop Anderson Hernandez with runners on the corners.



Philadelphia Phillies' Cliff Lee pitches in the first inning of a baseball game against the Arizona Diamondbacks, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009, in Philadelphia.

AP

Pirates 3, Brewers 1

At Pittsburgh, Paul Maholm allowed one run over 7 2-3 innings and Ronny Cedeno homered as Pittsburgh finished a sweep of Milwaukee.

Delwyn Young added two hits and an RBI and Matt Capps pitched a perfect ninth for his 22nd save for Pittsburgh, which entered this series on a four-game losing streak, having lost 12 of 13 and 17 of 20.

Astros 6, Marlins 3

At Houston, Michael Bourn had three hits, two stolen bases and two runs scored for Houston.

Florida reached 10 hits for the 15th straight game, matching the longest streak since the St. Louis Browns had one that long in 1937, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

But Florida committed three errors and stranded 16 runners, both season highs.

Humberto Quintero hit a solo homer, and Lance Berkman, Jeff Keppinger, and Miguel Tejada drove in runs for the Astros, who won for the third time in nine games.

Cards 3, Dodgers 2

At Los Angeles, Matt Holliday's sac-

rifice fly snapped a ninth-inning tie, giving the St. Louis Cardinals a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night in the series finale between two first-place teams.

The Cardinals took two out of three from the Dodgers to maintain their NL Central lead of 5 1/2 games over the Chicago Cubs, who beat San Diego and open a four-game series in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Padres 6, Cubs 3

At San Diego, Kyle Blanks may be big, but the San Diego rookie has a variety of skills not associated with a player his size.

Blanks exhibited surprising speed when he hit a two-run inside the park homer to help fellow rookie Cesar Carrillo earn his first major league victory in the Padres' 6-3 win over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

Red Sox 6, Jays 1

At Toronto, Jason Bay hit a two-run homer, David Ortiz and Victor Martinez added solo shots as the Boston Red Sox beat Roy Halladay and the Toronto Blue Jays 6-1 in the American League on Wednesday.

The Red Sox have hit at least two homers in five straight games and eight of nine overall.

Bay hit a two-run drive in the fifth, his team-high 27th, to make it 5-1.

Ortiz gave Boston its first run with a leadoff drive in the second, his 19th of the season and third in as many games.

White Sox 4, Royals 2

At Chicago, Jose Contreras won for the first time in six weeks as the White Sox downed Kansas City.

Gordon Beckham, Carlos Quentin and Alex Rios hit solo homers off Zack Greinke (11-8), the first three-homer game off the Royals ace since he allowed four at U.S. Cellular Field on June 3 last year.

Contreras had gone 0-4 with a 7.62 ERA in six starts since beating Cleveland on July 8.

Angels 3, Indians 0

At Cleveland, Jered Weaver bounced back from one of his worst starts to pitch his second career shutout as Los Angeles blanked Cleveland for its fifth straight win.

Weaver (13-4) gave up seven hits only five days after being pounded for nine hits and eight runs in 3 1-3 innings of a 16-6 loss at Baltimore. The Indians never had more than one runner on base at a time against the right-hander, who walked one, struck out three, and matched his career-high win total set in 2007.

Rays 3, Orioles 1

At St. Petersburg, Florida, rookie Jeff Niemann allowed one run over 7 1-3 innings for his 11th win of the season, and Pat Burrell, Ben Zobrist and B.J. Upton hit solo homers as Tampa Bay downed Baltimore.

Niemann (11-5) lost his shutout bid when the last batter he faced, Brian

Roberts, hit a solo homer with one out in the eighth. The right-hander, who has won seven of his last eight decisions, gave up seven hits and one walk, striking out five.

Mariners 3, Tigers 1

At Detroit, Ichiro Suzuki homered to back Ian Snell's best start with Seattle in a win over Detroit.

Snell (1-1) held Detroit to one run and four hits in 5 2-3 innings. He entered the game with an 8.48 ERA in three starts since being acquired from Pittsburgh on July 29.

Three relievers finished, with David Aardsma pitching the ninth for his 28th save.

Twins 5, Rangers 4

At Arlington, Pardon the Minnesota Twins if they don't get all sentimental about Ivan Rodriguez's return to the Texas Rangers.

Denard Span hit a tying double before sliding past Rodriguez with the go-ahead run in the sixth inning when the throw beat Span to home plate but slipped between the legs of the 13-time Gold Glove catcher, completing Minnesota's rally for a 5-4 victory Wednesday night.

Yankees 3, Athletics 2

At Oakland, Mark Teixeira hit a two-run homer, Alfredo Aceves earned his majors-leading eighth win as a reliever and the New York Yankees wrapped up a stretch of 33 games in 34 days with a 3-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Wednesday night.

Teixeira sent the first pitch from A's rookie Brett Anderson (7-9) into the elevated left-field bleachers in the fourth following Johnny Damon's leadoff single. Teixeira also had an RBI groundout in the first to put the Yankees ahead early.

Nationals give Mike Rizzo GM job

WASHINGTON (AP)—After 5 1/2 months of doing the work of the Washington Nationals' general manager, Mike Rizzo is getting the title, too.

Rizzo might have been Washington's acting general manager, but he was still technically an assistant GM. Now he will be moved up to GM, two people in Major League Baseball familiar with the Nationals' plans said Wednesday.

The pair confirmed Rizzo's promotion to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because a formal announcement is planned for Thursday.

"The things he's done since he's been on board have been really good, and they've made us a better team," Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman said after the team's 5-4 loss to the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night. "It's not our place to decide what

people in the front office are here or there, but to have him around, I think would be good."

Rizzo was given the general manager's duties shortly after Jim Bowden abruptly resigned as Washington's GM during spring training on March 1.

The news is part of a big week for the Nationals. It comes less than 48 hours after Rizzo concluded negotiations on a record \$15.1 million contract with No. 1 overall draft pick Stephen Strasburg. The right-hander from San Diego State will be introduced to fans at a pregame news conference on the field before Washington's game Friday night.

It was Rizzo who was on the phone with agent Scott Boras, negotiating down to the wire on the Strasburg deal. It was Rizzo who was put in front of

reporters to discuss those talks. It was Rizzo who was shown on the outfield scoreboard at Nationals Park before Tuesday's game, talking about the Strasburg deal.

Giving Rizzo the full-fledged job lends a measure of stability to a franchise that rarely has enjoyed any, dating to its days as the Montreal Expos. Indeed, one of Rizzo's key decisions in the coming months will be what to do about the manager: Jim Riggleman was given that job on an interim basis when Manny Acta was fired last month.

Rizzo joined the Nationals as assistant GM in July 2006, after seven seasons with the Arizona Diamondbacks, primarily as director of scouting. A minor league player for four years, he is widely regarded as a strong evaluator of talent.

Smoltz agrees to deal with Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP)—John Smoltz agreed to a deal with the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday, giving the 42-year-old former ace a chance to rejuvenate his career in the middle of a pennant race.

Smoltz joined the NL Central leaders shortly after he cleared waivers, following his release by Boston. He was 2-5 with an 8.33 ERA in eight starts for the Red Sox.

General manager John Mozeliak said Smoltz would likely start Sunday at San Diego, and would probably get at least a few turns in the rotation. The GM said Smoltz didn't ask to start as a "negotiating ploy."

"He had very little demands," Mozeliak said on a conference call. "He had no demands. From everything he had heard about this club, he was excited to take this opportunity. The reason for the start was just to get him work and know what we have."

The Cardinals hope Smoltz can either fill a void as the fifth starter or provide right-handed relief in the bullpen. Detroit, the Los Angeles Dodgers, Texas and Florida also were said to be interested in signing the longtime Atlanta star.

"He's going to do whatever we need the most," manager Tony La Russa said before the Cardinals faced the Dodgers. "It'll be really good for

him to come out and stretch out his arm and work on his pitches and let us take a look at him."

One of the best big-game pitchers of his era, Smoltz is expected to join the team Thursday when St. Louis plays at San Diego. The former Cy Young winner is the latest high-profile acquisition—with Matt Holliday—in a makeover that helped the Cardinals stretch their division lead to six games over Chicago.

The risk for the Cardinals is small - Boston is responsible for the bulk of the contract. St. Louis is on the hook only for a prorated share of the major league minimum, about \$100,000 through the rest of the season.

The Cardinals lobbied Smoltz with telephone calls from La Russa, pitching coach Dave Duncan and infielder Mark DeRosa, a former teammate in Atlanta and another recent addition in St. Louis.

"These situations are unique because the players out there, you're not really negotiating a salary," Mozeliak said. "What you're trying to do is figure out how a player is going to fit in."

Smoltz is 212-152 with a 3.32 ERA and 154 saves in 21 seasons. An eight-time All-Star, he's the only pitcher in major league history with 200 wins and 150 saves.

Venus, Serena to own part of Dolphins



MIAMI (AP)—Venus and Serena Williams have found a new sport: pro football.

The tennis-playing sisters will become the latest celebrities to own a stake in the Miami Dolphins, a person familiar with the deal said Wednesday. The person didn't want to be identified because the team plans an announcement Tuesday.

Another person close to the negotiations said an agreement was near but not yet final. That person also didn't want to be identified because the announcement has not been made.

"There have been preliminary talks, and hopefully it'll work out," Serena Williams said Wednesday night after a 6-3, 6-2 win over Yaroslava Shvedova in Toronto. "That would be a great opportunity for both of us. You never know. We'll see what happens."

The Williamses live in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., about an hour's drive from the Dolphins' stadium. Their new role will be significant in part because the NFL has no African-American majority team owner.

Musicians Gloria and Emilio Estefan and Marc Anthony recently bought small shares of the team. New Dolphins owner Stephen Ross also forged a partnership with singer Jimmy Buffett.

The Dolphins have said the involvement of the celebrities reflects the diversity of South Florida and shows that the franchise is connected with the community.

"There's always so many opportunities out there, and Venus and I are al-



In this July 4, 2009, file photo, the United States' Serena Williams, right, and her sister Venus Williams, left, pose prior to their women's singles final on the Centre Court at Wimbledon. The Williams sisters will become the latest celebrities to own a stake in the Miami Dolphins, a person familiar with the deal said Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2009.

ways trying to expand our brand and do the best that we can do, and if an opportunity presents itself, we would love to see where it can take us," Serena Williams said. "Who knows what's going to happen, but hopefully we'll be able to hopefully continue to expand our brand."

A Dolphins spokesman said the team had no comment regarding next week's announcement.

The Williams sisters have combined to win 18 Grand Slam titles, and they staged their latest sibling showdown last month at Wimbledon, where Serena beat Venus in the final.

Serena has won 11 major titles and Venus seven.

Ross, a New York real estate billionaire, completed his purchase of

the Dolphins from Wayne Huizenga in January and began a partnership in May with Buffett. The agreement with the Estefans was announced in June, followed by the deal with Anthony last month.

Buffett and the Estefans are longtime Dolphins fans. The Williams sisters aren't known to closely follow the Dolphins or the NFL.

Ross has said the minority owners are strategic partners and aren't being brought aboard because of a financial need. He has pledged to improve the fan experience at games, and the celebrities will help - although it's unlikely the sisters will be staging tennis exhibitions at halftime.

Buffett has yet to accept Ross' invitation to become a minority owner,

but the Dolphins' stadium has been renamed Land Shark Stadium for this season. Buffett has written a song for the Dolphins, and they've introduced a new version of their fight song by the

rapper T-Pain.

Anthony will perform the national anthem when the Dolphins host the New York Jets on ESPN's "Monday Night Football" on Oct. 12.

Jason Williams joins Magic, Mason leaves Thunder



ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—The Orlando Magic have announced signing free agent guard Jason Williams.

General Manager Otis Smith said Wednesday that Williams will provide depth and leadership to the team's backcourt. The terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Williams retired in September 2008 after playing a season for the Miami Heat, where he average 8.8 points per game. He did not play the 2008-09 season.

Williams was a first-round draft pick and seventh overall in 1998. He was named to the NBA All-Rookie Team that season.

Williams has played in 679 career NBA regular season games with Sacramento, Memphis and Miami. He has also played in 53 career playoff games.

Meanwhile, free agent Desmond Mason will not be returning to the Oklahoma City Thunder next season.

Mason's agent, Roger Montgomery, confirmed to The Associated Press on Wednesday night that talks between the nine-year NBA veteran and the Thunder had broken down and the two sides wouldn't be agreeing on a new contract.

Montgomery said the two sides

weren't able to agree on a role for Mason, who still wants to make significant contributions.

"Desmond is not ready to be relegated to a cheerleader and relegated to a mentor for the younger players," Montgomery said. "Desmond's got a lot left in the tank."

Mason burst onto the scene as a rookie by winning the 2001 slam dunk contest as a member of the Seattle SuperSonics. He's also had two separate stints with the Milwaukee Bucks and has averaged 12.2 points over the course of his career.

He played 39 games with Oklahoma City last season, breaking into the starting lineup in mid-December and staying there until his injury in late January. He started the last 18 games he played for Oklahoma City.

"We value and appreciate Desmond's contributions to the Thunder. However, at this time it is important for us to retain flexibility with our roster as we move into training camp," general manager Sam Presti said. "This was a difficult decision, certainly not the last one we will be faced with, but at this point in time we wanted to make sure we communicated with Desmond on our thought process so he could focus on other opportunities."

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PCA softball to start next month



The Palauan Community Association will be holding the Docomo Pacific/PCA 3rd Annual Softball Tournament beginning next month at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield. The tournament will be

played on three weekends with the first one set for Sept. 19 and 20. The second part of the tournament will take place on Sept. 26 and 27, while games in the third week will be played on Oct. 3. The annual event will have a double-elimination format with the winning team re-

ceiving a carved trophy and \$500 cash. Entrance fee is \$200, but if more than 10 teams signed up, each squad will pay only \$150. The deadline for the submission of entry fees and copy of rosters is set for Sept. 17. On the same day, managers or representatives of participat-

ing teams are required to attend a technical meeting at the Northern Marianas College Gym at 6:30 pm. Proceeds from the tournament will be used for the various projects of PCA. For more information, contact Rufino Aguon at 234-5498 extension 2500. (PR)

UBA 3-on-3 caging begins tonight

The Unified Basketball Association's 3-on-3 "King of Da Court Basketball Tournament" will kick off tonight at the Garapan Basketball Court. The two-day tournament is open to three divisions, namely the 15-and-under, 20-and-under and 21-and-above age groups. UBA president James Lee said the 3-on-3 caging so

far has drawn 20 teams. Preliminary games will be played tonight starting at 5:30pm, while playoff matches are set for tomorrow, beginning at 4:30pm. Cash prizes and other perks await the champion teams with the winner in the 21-

and-above receiving \$300, \$200 for 20-and-under, and \$100 for 15-and-under. The 3-on-3 caging will coincide with tomorrow's "Car Show." The weekend basketball tournament is supported by Tan Siu Lin Foundation, Digital Motion, Figo Brand, and



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only dream about competing in. We, from the CNMI are so lucky," Zoe Jewell said. Jewell and company will be playing against Guam, South Korea, Hong Kong, and host Chinese-Taipei, which are all world-ranked teams. The winner of the semifinals gets to join the much tougher teams of Japan, North Korea, and China in the championship round in Tokyo, Japan next year. Jewell is one of the high school players on the team and is one of the tallest, too, making her one of the threats on coach Sugao Kambe's roster. "I feel like the main thing I can contribute on the team is my heading. I am pretty tall, about 5'9" and a half, so I'm able to get those high balls on corner kicks, free kicks, goal kicks,

and crosses. Hopefully in the tournament I'll be able to put one away," Jewell said. The Saipan International School student admitted the CNMI will be a long shot to win in the tournament, but if they play hard enough, doors for opportunities will be opened. "We will be playing against some amazing teams and I think our goal is to do our very, very best. If we play hard everything else will follow," she said. Jewell and her other teammates had to take a few days of absence from either school or work to represent the CNMI to the EAAF tournament since the semifinal round will run from Aug. 22 top 30. "Our team has been working really hard these past few months to prepare for this tournament and each player has sacrificed a lot of time to be on this team, but we all know it's all worth it," Jewell said.

For Brenda Schultz, seeing the CNMI participate in international tournaments, like the EAAF event, is what she hoped and aimed for when she started getting involved with soccer several years ago. "Having been with the CNMI Women's Football Program since it began and coaching youth on Saipan since 2000, I see my greatest role as encouraging young women to come out for the CNMI Women's National Team and to encourage them to stick with it. Our community supports women's football and we want to help pave the way for the daughters of the CNMI to play at this competitive level," Schultz said. Schultz, along with team captain Lindsay Davis, are among the veterans on the Kambe's lineup and they are expected to provide leadership to this year's CNMI Women's National Team and future squads.

"I will bring experience on the field to this team, as long as it is needed and then will very happily pass the torch on to the youth as they grow into the team," Schultz said. Asked about the team's chances in the tournament, Schultz said she believes there is always room for upsets. "You know the story about David and Goliath? We will definitely go all out. Anything can happen. If we already knew what would happen, there is no real point of playing games. It's the possibilities that make us go after every ball and play aggressively. We want to score and we want a win. Every woman on this team wants to give it their best and make the CNMI proud," she said. Schultz added CNMI fans who will watch their games in Taiwan will help boost their confidence. "The CNMI will have the

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wealth youth sluggers must win by more than two runs against the Juan A. Bibiloni Little League of Yabucoa. The CNMI lost by two runs against Aruba on Monday, 3-5, while Puerto Rico also won by two runs over Aruba. No further details were available about the results of the CNMI's game against Coquitlam Little League of British Columbia, but Ricardo Dela Cruz's impressive pitching was one of the highlights in the match. With its win over Canada, the Thelma Mizer-managed squad is now the winningest CNMI Junior All-Star Team in the World Series. The Commonwealth made it to the World Series from 2001 to 2005 and compiled a 3-18 record, but none of those first five teams managed to win more than one game.

In 2001, the CNMI defeated Poland, 11-4. In 2002 and 2003, the CNMI was winless in three games in each year. In 2004, the Commonwealth youth sluggers topped Belgium, 8-1 and in 2005, they downed the Netherlands, 6-3. The Oliver Secharmidal and Bernard Cabrera-coached CNMI Junior All-Stars started their World Series bid with an impressive 13-2 win over Friuli Venezia Giulia Little League of Italy on Sunday. A third win will move the CNMI to the semifinals against one of the Top 2 teams in the U.S. Pool. Mountain View Little League Scottsdale, Arizona is leading the U.S. Pool with its clean 3-0 record, followed by Holbrook of Jackson, New Jersey (2-1), Petroglyph of Albuquerque, New Mexico (2-1), Middlebury of Middlebury, Indiana (1-2), and Easley, South Carolina (0-3).

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team league with a loss to host IT&E, 57-75, then bounced back against Bank of Guam, 89-85, before losing again to Tinian. In its fourth game, PSS capitalized on a depleted CPA-Accounting crew to hand the latter its third straight loss in as many games. CPA-Accounting played without Ed Diaz and had only six players available for the match. Despite the absence of Diaz, CPA-Accounting, behind Chris Leo Apelo and

Jeff Cloud kept pace with PSS, tying the game at 14-all, at the end of the first quarter. CPA-Accounting remained afloat at halftime, trailing by only six, 29-35, before PSS started pulling away in the third period to completely take control of the game. PSS had a luxury of shuffling its men in the third and each player contributed on offense, helping the Jerry Diaz-coached team to build a 56-42 lead, entering the final canto. The lead increased to as much as 18, 62-44, in the opening minutes of the payoff canto, before Apelo and Chris Camacho

led a comeback and cut the deficit to 11, 68-57. However, only 2:08 was left in the game when CPA-Accounting moved within 11, allowing PSS to waste the clock and preserve the win. Peter Mendiola paced PSS with 20 points, while Derrick Aughenbaugh chipped in 11. Apelo nailed 23 points for CPA, while Camacho contributed 20. In the first game, Pete Iguel and Randy Pelisamen teamed up in giving the debuting Customs a rude welcome in the league. Iguel exploded for 29 points, while Pelisamen added 20. Two other BoG players finished in double

figures with Jawn Joyner nailing 11 and Larry Phillips scoring 10. Pelisamen had 10 quick points in the first period, giving BoG an early double-digit lead, 25-13. Iguel picked up where Pelisamen left off in the second canto, firing 11 markers to pad the lead to 21 at halftime, 50-29. Bank of Guam kept the 20-plus point margin in the third, as Pelisamen and Iguel alternately led the team's offense en route to an easy win. **First Game** Bank of Guam 90 – Iguel 29, Pelisamen 20, Joyner 11, Phillips 10, Taisacan 8, D. Palacios

8, G. Palacios 2. **Customs 64** – JP Sablan 12, Ja. Sablan 12, Cepeda 10, J. Santos 10, R. Sablan 9, T. Santos 4, Reyes 3, Lizama 2. **Scoring by quarters:** 25-13, 50-20, 66-43, 90-64. **Second Game** PSS 70 – Mendiola 20, Aughenbaugh 11, Manibusan 8, Coldeen 8, Mendez 6, Itibus 4, Ruloked 4, Villagomez 3, Cruz 2, Delos Reyes 2, Guerrero 2. **CPA-Accounting 66** – Apelo 23, Camacho 20, Cloud 11, Schuler 4, Aaron 4, Kapileo 1. **Scoring by quarters:** 14-14, 35-29, 56-42, 70-66.

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Time to get excited about seeing Vanderbilt vs. Kentucky! Every SEC football game will be televised somewhere this season. As staggering as that contract is, more mind-boggling is this provision: fans in attendance "are not allowed to produce or disseminate (or aid in producing

or disseminating) any material or information about the Event, including, but not limited to, any account, description, picture, video, audio, reproduction or any other information about the Event". What that means is that fans cannot text or tweet or blog or send pictures from the games on their camera phones. Interesting to see if someone in the Swamp will be arrested for

sending a photo and text description to his Facebook page of Tim Tebow scoring his 44th rushing touchdown. Will each stadium have goons standing around ready to seize any guilty parties? How this will be enforced, I have no idea. Fifteen years ago, we didn't even have the instant communications technology we have now so it's safe to say that by the time this contract ends

in 2024 there will be other innovations that we haven't even dreamed of yet. It's possible, I guess, that CBS and ESPN could go after these "criminals" in the same way record companies did when free downloading of music became prevalent and use a few as examples to scare away others. I can see it now: CBS Nightly News reports that 18-year-old Suzy Lipbalm was

arrested today in Gainesville, Florida for a posting picture of her with Tim Tebow, following the Gators 55-6 win over the Tennessee Vols where she posted on her MySpace page that Tim told her, "It's always fun to beat the Vols!" Oh my, move over North Korea, health care, Afghanistan, national deficit, and other issues of significance importance because that's big stuff.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	76	45	.628	—
Boston	68	51	.571	7
Tampa Bay	65	54	.546	10
Toronto	55	63	.466	19 1/2
Baltimore	48	72	.400	25 1/2

Central Division

Detroit	63	55	.529	—
Chicago	62	59	.513	2
Minnesota	58	62	.483	5 1/2
Cleveland	51	68	.429	12
Kansas City	47	73	.392	16 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	73	45	.619	—
Texas	67	52	.563	6 1/2
Seattle	62	58	.517	12
Oakland	53	67	.442	21

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Philadelphia	68	49	.581	—
Florida	64	56	.533	5 1/2
Atlanta	63	57	.525	6 1/2
New York	56	64	.467	13 1/2
Washington	43	77	.358	26 1/2

Central Division

St. Louis	69	53	.567	—
Chicago	61	57	.517	6
Milwaukee	58	62	.483	10
Houston	58	62	.483	10
Cincinnati	50	69	.420	17 1/2
Pittsburgh	49	70	.412	18 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	71	50	.587	—
Colorado	67	53	.558	3 1/2
San Francisco	66	54	.550	4 1/2
Arizona	54	67	.446	16
San Diego	51	71	.418	20 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Philadelphia 8, Arizona 1
Colorado 5, Washington 4
San Francisco 1, Cincinnati 0
Alanta 5, NY Mets 2
Pittsburgh 3, Milwaukee 1
Houston 6, Florida 3
St. Louis 3, LA Dodgers 2
San Diego 3, Chi Cubs 2
Boston 6, Toronto 1
Chi White Sox 4, Kansas City 2
LA Angels 3, Cleveland 0
Tampa Bay 3, Baltimore 1
Seattle 3, Detroit 1
Minnesota 5, Texas 4
NY Yankees 3, Oakland 2

By The Associated Press

LOCAL SCORES

IT&E Inter-Gov't/ Biz League Standings

IT&E	2	0
Docomo	2	0
CHC	2	0
Tinian	1	0
Hyatt	1	0
DCCA	1	0
PSS	2	2
MBI	1	1
BOG	1	3
Customs	0	1
CPA	0	3
ARFF	0	3

Boholanos, Bayani save third place



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UFO masters caging third placer Boholanos, who are supported by University of Loyola and Raffy's Diner, are seen here posing for a group photo before their playoff game at the JP Center Basketball Court.

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Boholanos settled for a third place finish in the masters division of the 7th United Filipino Organization Inter-Organizational Basketball League after outclassing Bayani, 105-97, in the consolation match on Wednesday at the JP Center Basketball Court.

The University of Loyola and Raffy's Diner-backed Boholanos faltered in its finals bid, losing to Northern Marianas Bartenders Association in the semis, 66-92. However, Boholanos made sure they will not end their campaign in the seven-team league without a trophy by outgunning Bayani-Shirley's in a high-scoring game.

Both teams came out smoking in the first quarter with James Abuy and Ferdie De la Torre leading Boholano's side and Jun Tabora and Ronald Delos Reyes teaming up for Bayani.

Abuy, who had seven triples in the game, hit four treys in the first quarter and finished with 16 points, while Dela Torre chipped in eight to give Boholanos a 31-28 lead.

Tabora and Delos Reyes kept Boholanos at bay in the first, nailing 14 and eight markers, respectively. In the second quarter, it was an all-Delos Reyes show for Bayani, as he made the team's 10 points in that canto.

Abuy slowed down in scoring, but still buried two triples, while De la Torre, Ariel Jinang, and Elmer Pineda canned two field goals apiece to keep Boholanos in the driver's seat at

halftime, 54-38.

Tabora, who was scoreless in the second, was back in the third, and he and Delos Reyes combined for 18 of the team's 31 third-quarter points. However, De la Torre and Jinang were there to keep pace with Bayani's gunners and protect Bayani's lead, which stood at 10, 79-69, entering the payoff period.

The fourth quarter was a close game and Boholanos managed to pull off the win with its steady hands from the free throw line. Boholanos went 11-for-15 from the foul line with Pineda going 5-for-6 and De la Torre hitting 3-for-5. Abuy was perfect, going 2-for-2, while Jinang split his charities.

Abuy finished with a team-high 35 points, while De la Torre fired 29, Jinang had 18 and Pineda logged 13. Boholanos played with only six players.

The third place trophy in the open division went to Bayani, which won via forfeiture against VisMinda.

Boholanos 105 – Abuy 35, Dela Torre 29, Jinang 18, Pineda 13, Solidum 8, Salazar 4.

Bayani 97 – Delos Reyes 35, Tabora 30, Vargas 17, Zapata 7, Mateo 4, Domingo 2, Galulu 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-28, 54-38, 79-69, 105-97.

Rojas claims SGA August Ace

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Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan and Pete Rojas had a deja vu on Sunday's RGA

August Ace Tournament at the Kingfisher Golf Links, as they tied anew for this month's award.

Manibusan and Rojas carded identical net scores of 72 in last weekend's tournament, but the former won in the playoffs to top the monthly event. However, since Manibusan had already won the July Ace, Rojas gets to keep the August title and join the former and six other qualifiers in the year-ending SGA Ace of the Aces Tournament.

Last month, Rojas and Manibusan drilled similar net scores of 68 on the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort to duel for the July Ace.

A birdie on No. 8 handed Manibusan the July title, as Rojas bogeyed the par-4, 1-handicap playoff hole.

In the August Ace tiebreak, Manibusan and Rojas went to three playoff holes before the winner was decided.

In the par-4 1-handicap No. 17, both golfers had a bogey. They had another bogey in the par-4, 2-handicap No. 4. Finally, in the par-4,

3-handicap No. 10, Manibusan had a birdie against Rojas' bogey, giving the former the top cash prize and leaving the latter the August Ace plum. The No. 10 hole was one of the four holes Manibusan birdied. Rojas had two birdies.

The 2-handicapper Manibusan had a consistent game at Kingfisher with his 1-over par 37 on both nines for a gross 74. Rojas, a 15-handicapper, shot a 42 and 45 on the front and back nines, respectively for a gross 87.

Reigning Ace of the Aces champion and 9-handicapper Joe Demapan finished third with his net 73, built on a 40 on the front and 42 on the back.

Demapan joined five other SGA members who made one birdie in the monthly tournament. They were Steve Balakrishna, Art and Tony Guerrero, Frances Sablan, and Taec Jung.

Sablan won the longest drive on No. 4, while Manibusan prevailed on No. 11. Sablan also topped the closest to the pin contest on No. 7, while her husband, Ed, ruled the No. 12 hole. Larry Guerrero had a closest to the pin shot on No. 15.

Meanwhile, the SGA September Ace Tournament will be held on Sept. 6 at Coral Ocean Point. Check-in and tee times will be announced later.

For more information, contact Larry Guerrero at 256-1052.

4 teams vie for Miller Lite Marianas Cup



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Members of Team Sakudi pose for a group photo after ruling the Saipan leg of the Miller Lite 7th Annual Marianas Cup Friendship Tournament.



The Miller Lite 7th Annual Marianas Cup Friendship Tournament will kick off tomorrow at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Ballfield in with four island teams taking their softball talent and skills to the field in a double-elimination event.

Teams from Saipan, Tinian, Rota, and Guam will do battle one last time to highlight the annual Marianas Cup softball event. This year's tourney will feature the best of the best from each participating island and will prove to be very competitive and exciting to watch.

Saipan's own SaiPal hopes to reclaim the Marianas Cup title that was taken from them back in the Miller Lite 6th Annual Marianas Cup Friendship Tournament held in Rota last year. Team Guam forced the extra game with Team Saipan to get it done and walk away as the grand champion of last year's series. Team Saipan had kept the title for four straight years before relin-

quishing the Cup to Team Guam in a nail-biting championship game.

SaiPal is composed of Clifton Silil, Hector Efraim, JD Dikito, Tony Luzama, Gloyd Martin, Kuich Damian, Leo Bobai, Marino Hiroichi, Jason Hayes, Ferdie Ngeiruekau, Erica Tenorio, Tyrone Omar, Julie Guerrero, Beverly Ngeiruekau, and Didi Tudela.

This Saturday's tournament will consist of six games, possibly seven, should an extra game be necessary. All games will be played on Saturday and will start with an official draw amongst the four teams. In the spirit of promoting friendship, good sportsmanship, and camaraderie with our neighbors, a women's exhibition game will also take place as part of the tournament series. The Saipan champions, Team Sakudi, of the recently ended women's league will take on Guam's Miller Brewers.

Team Sakudi is composed of Eileen Babauta, Liz Palacios, Janice Camacho, Popo Tudela, Lilian Aguon, Rachel Salalila, Cucci Pangelinan, Erica Tenorio, Liz

Lebria, Lenise Kapileo, Bert Camacho, Nadia Saralu, Val Sablan, Lynette Babauta, and Pauline Camacho.

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Belau softball rescheduled

Meanwhile, games in the Belau Amateur Softball Association Men's Slowpitch Softball League this Sunday have been postponed to give way to the Marianas Cup.

BASA official Brian Adelbai said the league will resume next Sunday with the same game schedule. **(PR)**

Seman takes first base in RGA August Ace

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Refaluwasch Golf Association members must shot better than net 63 or let Jesse Seman keep the RGA

August Ace.

Seman set the score to beat for this month's ace after ruling the RGA qualifying tournament on Saturday at the Marianas Country Club. The 8-handicapper tamed the Marpi course with his even par 36 on the front nines and a 1-under par 35 on the back. His gross 1-under par 71 tied the day's best gross score and beat eight others in the net score category. Seman completed his domination of the tournament, winning the closest to the pin contests on holes No. 6 and 12.

Jess Wabol also had a 1-under par 71 with his 1-over par 37 on the front nines and an improved 2-under par 34 on the back. However, Wabol is only a 2-handicapper, thus he ended up with only the second best net score of 69.

The 8-handicapper Tars Olopai finished with a net 71 after shooting a 38 and 41 on the front and back nines, respectively, for a gross 79.

Other RGA members who joined last weekend's tournament and their net scores were Tony Rogolifoi (78), Joji Taguchi (78) Joe Wabol (79), Manny Mangarero (81), Tom Tebuteb (81), and Jordan Kosam (86).

The 3-handicapper Taguchi was a bit consistent in his game with a 40 and 41 on the front and back nines, respectively. Rogolifoi, who has a 13 handicap, drilled a 46 on the back and 45 on the front for gross 91.

Joe Wabol tallied a 49 in the first nine holes and slowed down in the last nine holes with a 53. Manny Mangarero had a good start with a 42 on the front, but also faltered on the back nines with a 50. Tebuteb struggled the most at MCC with his 51 and 52 on the front and back nines, respectively, while Kosam played a bit better with a 98 built on a 48 in the first nine holes and 50 in the last.

The next RGA tournament will be held on Aug. 30, also at MCC, with the golfer to score better than 63 taking the August Ace plum away from Seman.

Check-in time is at 11am, while tee off is at 12noon.

For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Kosam at 483-4506 or Wabol at 288-1129.



Lee stars in Phillies win over Diamondbacks
Cliff Lee allowed just two hits, and carried a no-hit bid into the sixth inning, as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Arizona Diamondbacks. **32**

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Boholanos, Bayani save third place

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

CNMI stays alive in World Series



Ricardo Dela Cruz, who pitched in the CNMI's 11-9 win over Canada in the World Series on Wednesday in Taylor, Michigan, is flanked by teammate Chris Mizer, right, and Frankie Camacho in a group photo taken a week before the team left Saipan.

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The CNMI Junior All-Stars boosted their semifinals chances in the World Series after beating Canada, 11-9, on Wednesday at the Heritage Park in Taylor Michigan.

The CNMI bets improved to a 2-1 record for a share of second place with Aruba in the International Pool. Puerto Rico holds the lead in the

International Pool with its 3-0 record after topping the Aruba North Little League of Oranjestad, 6-4, in the last game on Wednesday.

On Thursday at 2pm (10pm Thursday, Saipan time), the Commonwealth was scheduled to meet Puerto Rico in a must-win game. A CNMI win will force a three-way tie for the No. 1 spot in the International

Pool. To prevail in the tiebreak against Aruba and Puerto Rico, the Common-

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CNMI female strikers upbeat on EAFF debut

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The CNMI Women's National Football Team will be debuting in the East Asian Football Federation Women's

Football Championship 2010 Semifinals Competition tomorrow in Tainan City, Taiwan, and two of its members can't hide their excitement over their first international tournament.



"This is once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. I am so fortunate to be given this chance and to be able to play against great teams. This is something that some players

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Members of the CNMI Women's National Football Team perform warm-up drills during a training session at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Bank of Guam snaps skid, PSS wins

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Bank of Guam entered the win column, while Public School System continued its roller-coaster ride in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League after thwarting

separates foes on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Bank of Guam whipped Customs, 90-64, to end its three-game losing slide while the McGraw-Hill-supported PSS recovered from a 65-78 defeat to Tinian last week via a 70-66 triumph over CPA-Accounting.

PSS started its campaign in the 12-

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PSS' Derrick Aughenbaugh, right, barrels through the defense of CPA-Accounting's Kirk Schuler during their game in the 2009 IT&E Inter-Government/Business Basketball League on Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Big stuff

Here are the top sports in the world today: 1) soccer 2) NFL 3) Southeastern Conference. Say huh?

That's right, folks. The SEC is now bigger than the NBA and Major League Baseball. And I'm not talking just SEC football either. I mean the SEC, period. Yes, that includes gymnastics and tennis and volleyball and women's softball.

The SEC Network inked a 15 year deal with CBS, ESPN and others to cover all of their sports for \$3,000,000,000. And no, my finger did not get stuck on the 0 key. As Carl Sagan would say, "billions and billions and billions".

The NBA and MLB wish they had such a deal.

And, stupid us, we all thought there was a global recession.

Lest you think the SEC is only football, consider this: SEC current and former athletes won 51 medals in the 2008 Olympics which were more than every country in the world except three. In fact, SEC athletes won more medals than Australia, South America or Africa, and those are continents. The SEC is only in nine states.

But unless you are a silly Billy, you know this deal is all about football. I'm not sure when it happened, only that it happened, that the people in New York City who make these decisions decided that the whole nation wanted to see SEC football. Which is fine for me, because I care only about that conference and one team, but if I was from another conference, I would complain. If I was a whiner. Which I'm not.

OFF THE BENCH

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Note this about SEC football: 1) 1000 people showed for media day 2) 50,000 fans showed up for a spring PRACTICE game.

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